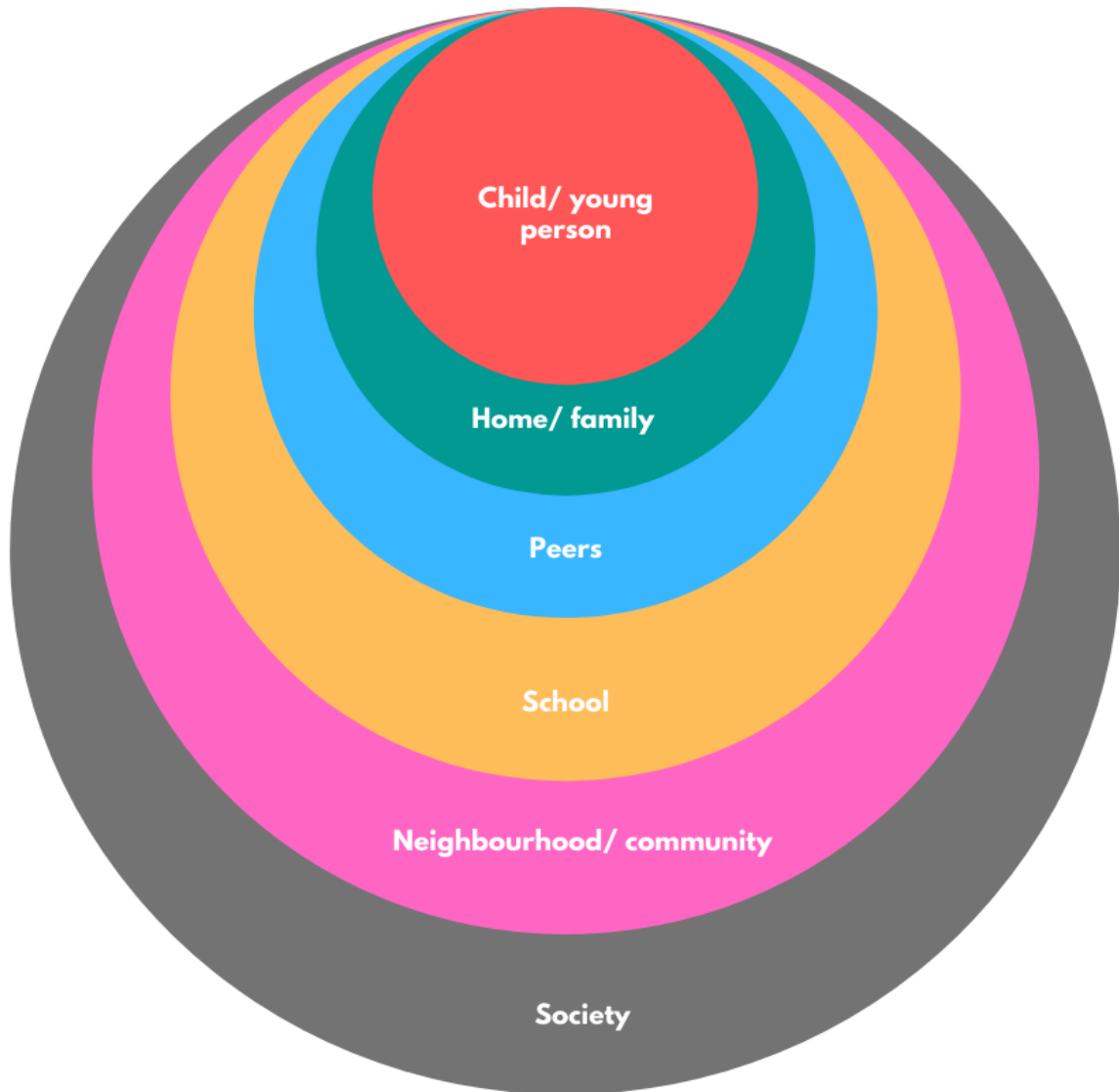


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Atherstone, Warwickshire

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Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm **beyond** their families.



Contextual safeguarding recognises the impact of the public/ social context on young people's lives, and consequently their safety. Contextual safeguarding seeks to identify and respond to harm and abuse posed to young people outside their home, either from adults or other young people.



Contextual Safeguarding looks at how interventions can change the processes and environments, to make them safer for all young people, as opposed to focussing on an individual. Research undertaken in London illustrates that young people's experience is not only influenced by their family, but also by their peer network, wider community and society in general.



Schools in Atherstone - TQEA, Racemeadow, St Benedicts and Outwoods want to work together to support children, parents and families vulnerable to contextual safeguarding risks which are:

- Serious violence and knife crime
- Social media and news– which can exacerbate children’s fears of serious crime and violence
- Harassment
- Anti-social behaviour and public disorder
- Fear caused by their environment—local parks and communal areas
- Drug use and County Lines



Useful resources include:

Child exploitation – safeguarding during the pandemic https://cscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CSCP-Briefing-_Tackling-child-exploitation-during-Covid-19_June-2020.pdf

Useful documents relating to child exploitation can be found on the CSCP website <https://cscp.org.uk/resources/child-sexual-exploitation-resources/>

Useful documents relating to child trafficking and modern slavery can be found on the CSCP website: <https://cscp.org.uk/resources/child-trafficking-and-modernslavery/>

County lines information for parents leaflet -<https://cscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/4206.1-County-lines-leaflet-final-web.pdf>

Contextual Safeguarding Network -<https://contextualsafeguarding.org.uk/>