

## Protection of children using the internet

At Next Steps all adults ensure that children and young people are not exposed to any inappropriate images or web links. Practitioners at Next Steps ensure that internet equipment used by children have the appropriate controls with regards to access for example personal passwords kept confidential.

Where indecent images of children or other unsuitable material are found, the police and Local Authority Designated Office (LADO) will be immediately informed. Adults should not attempt to investigate the matter or evaluate the material themselves, as this may lead to evidence being contaminated which in itself can lead to a criminal prosecution.

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