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| Caldecott Fostering  Online Safety Policy: Monitoring | Document OLS-04  Reviewed 09.02.2024 |
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**Policy Statements**

1. Internet use by children MUST be monitored to ensure appropriate use. Passive or Active monitoring is OPTIONAL based on the individual needs of the child
2. Online Safety provision SHALL be evaluated at least annually on a case by case basis in response to reportable events or a change in individual circumstances
3. Reportable events SHALL be analysed for impact assessment to drive policy review as part of the annual review cycle or where incidents in themselves are of sufficient significance to effect change

**Process/Control Description**

The use of the Internet or other communications vehicles need to be monitored to provide a safe technology environment for children and young people. The individual needs of the child should be taken into consideration. Social Workers and Carers are required to determine an appropriate level of monitoring based on individual circumstance.

Online Safety policy reviews, including monitoring, will be influenced by reportable events. Technical access to information and communication services change over time so it is important to effect regular reviews of policy and monitoring to provide an appropriate Online Safety framework.

**Monitoring**

Staff will record the output of meetings with carers in relation to the type and extent of monitoring that is agreed as appropriate for each individual placement.

**Remediation**

Where a record of Online Safety monitoring is absent from the placement file or has not been updated within 12 months, a meeting between staff and carers will be established within 30 days of detection.