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Many of you may have heard about 'Everyone's Invited' website detailing sexual harassment experienced by students predominantly at private schools but also at state funded schools and Colleges. In response to this, the Government has asked Ofsted to review safeguarding policies and guidance around sexual harassment. (You can find out more about Everyone's Invited and the Government's response here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-56588166>)

The Government has also set up a dedicated NSPCC helpline. The free helpline is for victims of abuse as well as parents and professionals seeking support. It will provide information about how to contact the police and report crimes, as well as help and advice to callers. **The helpline went live on 1 April 2021. Call 0800 136 663 Email: help@nspcc.org.uk**

At Heart of Worcestershire College, we are very proud of our safeguarding practice and would like to reassure students of how we safeguard our students, how to refer into the Wellbeing and Safeguarding team, and what to expect from us.

How we keep you safe

- Induction sessions detailing how to access support
- THRIVE tutorial sessions on safeguarding subjects
- Guest speakers
- Dedicated specialist staff to support you
- All staff are trained on safeguarding
- Excellent links to external services

How students refer into the Wellbeing and Safeguarding service

- Access the 'help me' button on the Student Portal and select the Welfare/Wellbeing referrals button
- Email the team on:
 - Redditch/Bromsgrove welfarer&b@howcollege.ac.uk
 - Worcester/Malvern welfarew&m@howcollege.ac.uk
- Ask a member of staff to complete an online referral on your behalf
- If you want to report a safeguarding matter ring the safeguarding phone:
 - Redditch/Bromsgrove **07781 379 252**
 - Worcester/Malvern **07912 783 040**

What you can expect from us

- We will listen to you
- We will take what you tell us seriously
- We will refer you to receive support from our Wellbeing and Safeguarding team
- We will refer you to any external agencies that can support you
- We will treat you with respect

It is important for you to know how to report any sexual harassment experienced or seen outside of college. Students can do this by reporting it through to the police or to the Wellbeing and Safeguarding team at college. Our dedicated team are on hand to support them. If you or anyone else is in immediate danger call **999**.

If you have any concerns or would like to know more about safeguarding procedures at Heart of Worcestershire College please contact:

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