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A JAWS on Child Protection



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Introduction

UK national children and other nationalities populate many of the well known International Schools in South East Asia. Often these International Schools sit in an isolated space where they may have little oversight from the host government and associated requirements and regulations placed on state schools. Led often by foreigners, there can be cultural and institutional differences which constrain relationships with local law enforcement and statutory services may be limited or absent and may be driven by different values and policy imperatives indicating room for improvement. Lack of regulation and sometimes inconsistent/ weak safeguarding and child protection policies contribute to easier physical offending environments, and the information flow about developing technologies which exposes children to risk globally is at best limited. Schools are often unprepared for crisis situations, which again increases the risks further.

Purpose

The JAWS will be solution focused and aimed primarily at prevention steps as well as providing responsive strategies. There will be opportunities both to learn from experts in the field and share best practice on the ground. It is hoped that one of the outcomes will be the formation of a Child Protection Executive Team who will offer support, advice and guidance to the FOBISIA Board and Federation, ensuring high standards are evident across all FOBISIA schools.