



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Walsall Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Newsletter

SPECIAL EDITION

Farewell from Alan Hassall...

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know that, after nearly six years in the role of Walsall LADO, I am moving on to a new challenge. My final day in the office will be Friday 13 September.

For those who read these newsletters and who have contacted me over the last six years, you will know the passion I have for trying to create spaces that are safer for children but also for staff to work in and to minimise allegations. I would like to thank you all for your hard work to achieve this over the years; it has been a really enjoyable role for me and one which I will find very difficult to leave.

I am moving to the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham to be their Head of Safeguarding, which means I may have contact with some of you with a new hat on.

The numbers and email at the bottom of this newsletter will remain the contact for my successor.

All the best and goodbye.

Alan

...and introducing

Michelle Pinnock-Ouma

Michelle will be taking up the role of Interim LADO until a permanent recruitment is made. She will be joining Alan for a week from 09 September to ensure there is a smooth handover. Michelle has a wealth of experience in the LADO role having worked as a LADO in a number of Local Authorities; she will be looking to ensure it will remain 'business as usual' for those needing to contact the LADO to report a concern or for advice and guidance.

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