

Safeguarding and Funding

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- Wales Safeguarding Procedures app
- Safeguarding and Funding top tips!
- Questions for Suzanne?







Wales has become the first part of the UK to introduce a single set of safeguarding guidelines to help protect children and adults at risk







Gweithdrefnau Diogelu Cymru Wales Safeguarding Procedures



App for phone and tablet

www.safeguarding.wales



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All individuals





The app is for all practitioners in Wales, working with children or adults at risk, in any setting

Guiding principles:

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility Effective safeguarding requires:

- Every practitioner and organisation to play their part
- "What matters" to the individual



What do Funders want?

A Safeguarding Policy that is

- ✓ specific to the organisation
- ✓up-to-date in referencing legislation and guidance
- ✓ signed and dated



For some funders, this is a tickbox exercise...



What do Funders want in a Safeguarding Policy?

We asked this question of James Bird, BBC Children in Need Wales National Officer

He said "2 key principles"



- √ Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- ✓A child (or person)-centred approach



The Children in Need approach

You may be surprised to learn that Children in Need don't ask for a copy of your policy ...

They ask you about your safeguarding practice

Does it live and breathe across your organisation?





Minimum standards

- ✓ A Safeguarding policy in your organisation's own name
- ✓ A named Safeguarding representative within the organisation
- ✓ Training for all staff / volunteers who have face-to-face contact with CYP/(AaR): training must be appropriate for the work and regularly refreshed
- ✓ Use of relevant checks (e.g. DBS) for staff, volunteers, and trustees.
- ✓ Safeguarding policy includes a section on how to deal with a disclosure



Your safeguarding story

How was the policy developed?
How often it is updated?
Where are updates sourced?

Who is DBS checked?
Use of codes of conduct...
How are beneficiaries informed about safeguarding?

How do you provide safeguarding training?
Who do you train?
How often?



Your safeguarding story

How do you deal with disclosures from the initial awareness to resolution?

Health and Safety:
Activity safety
planning,
risk assessment
and dealing with
an injury

Digital safeguarding: built in, not an add-on; educating and empowering the beneficiaries



Your safeguarding story

Who or what agencies will you report to and when?
Who is responsible for reporting?

How will your procedures respond to feedback from the people most affected?

How will you aim to continually improve?
Learn from near misses?



Right now: Covid-19

- Ensure any temporary variation to your usual safeguarding procedures are detailed in an appendix
- Ensure relevant procedures for Covid-19 specific services
- Make everyone aware of the requirements and procedures
- Determine a more permanent policy position for Infectious diseases and infection control (H&S/safeguarding)
- Review/(retire) each section at appropriate intervals





Third Sector Support Wales

- new Safeguarding resources coming soon!

WCVA Cymru covid-19 guidance and resources

Disclosure & Barring service leaflets

Safeguarding and Protecting People

C-19 Safeguarding Children practitioner handout

Securing your devices





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Change of ID checking procedure

Current DBS guidance allows for viewing ID using video conferencing facilities e.g. skype

DBS covid-19 change ID checking guidelines

It means that:

- ID documents can be viewed over video link
- Scanned images of ID can be used in advance of the DBS check being submitted





Change of ID checking procedure

Video can be used to check the DBS certificate on receipt:

- Ask for a close up to check the level of check that was requested and the workforce the person was checked to work with (adults, children or both)
- Ask to see both sides and all pages to view any provided content on criminal history and police information
- Take a screen shot to evidence this viewing, if possible
- Record the date of issue (the only date on a DBS certificate),
 the level of check and the workforce
- Record any content and the risk assessment against the role to be performed, in your usual manner



DBS Update Service

The ideal and formal way in which to "port" a DBS check is through use of the <u>Update Service</u>

- Needs a new check application, subscribe at same time or within 30 days
- Free for volunteers to subscribe, £13 for salaried staff
- Free for employees to run a status check online
- Use video facilities to see the check certificate, the applicant and their ID
- Use for same level of check and with same workforce