**The Wales Safeguarding Procedures for children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect**

At Tir na n-Og we follow the National Wales Safeguarding Procedures which can be found online at [Social care Wales (safeguarding.wales)](https://safeguarding.wales/). They detail the essential roles and responsibilities for practitioners to ensure that they safeguard children and adults who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

These procedures are intended to guide safeguarding practice for all those employed in the statutory, third (voluntary) and private sector in health, social care, education, police, justice and other services. They are applicable for all practitioners and managers working in Wales.

The procedures are designed to standardise practice across all of Wales and between agencies. This awareness is reflected in the [Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents) and accompanying safeguarding guidance [Working Together to Safeguard People](https://gov.wales/safeguarding-guidance). Whether safeguarding an adult at risk from abuse or neglect or protecting children from abuse, neglect and harm, the procedures are based on the same principles which reflect the principles underpinning the [Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/pdfs/anaw_20140004_en.pdf).

The procedures are updated regularly in line with changes to legislation, guidance and practice developments.

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures seek to:

* Ensure that practitioners understand their role and responsibilities and know which organisation, team or practitioner has lead responsibility for safeguarding as well as the precise roles of everyone involved;
* Provide guidance to practitioners in contact with children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect enabling them to identify and address their care, support and protection needs;
* Ensure practice is in accordance with the legislative requirements and expectations of the [Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents) and the accompanying [Working Together to Safeguard People guidance](https://gov.wales/safeguarding-guidance);
* Recognise the importance of engaging with the child and adult at risk, their family and carers throughout the safeguarding process provided this does not place them at further risk of harm;
* Promote positive outcomes by improving the daily lived experience of the child or adult at risk of abuse or neglect;
* Secure effective partnership working to meet the care, support and protection needs of the child or adult at risk of abuse or neglect;
* Facilitate assessments, plans and interventions that are person-centred and completed within the timescales set out in regulations and guidance;
* Enable managers and supervisors to guide and support staff to ensure children and adults at risk are protected from abuse and neglect;
* Draw on research and best practice to inform decision-making;
* Offer a framework enabling Regional Safeguarding Boards and agency managers to ensure practice is in accordance with statutory roles and responsibilities and legislative requirements and expectations;
* Enable Regional Safeguarding Boards and agency managers to evaluate the quality of local safeguarding practice and provide a vehicle to facilitate local co-ordination and challenge.

We encourage all staff and parents to download the Wales Safeguarding app to their mobile phones or alternatively visit the website [Social care Wales (safeguarding.wales)](https://www.safeguarding.wales/). There is also a paper copy available in the office.

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