



## Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding is a relatively new term which is broader than 'child protection' as it also includes prevention. Safeguarding has been defined as:

- All agencies working with children, young people and their families taking all reasonable measures to ensure that the risks of harm to children's welfare are minimised; and
- Where there are concerns about children and young people's welfare, all agencies taking appropriate actions to address those concerns, working to agreed local policies and procedures in full partnership with other local agencies.

Safeguarding children is vital for registered childcare providers, as part of the legal requirements of their Ofsted registration, and for charities, as charity trustees have a duty of care towards the children with whom they have contact. Having safeguards in place within an organisation not only protects and promotes the welfare of children but also it enhances the confidence of staff, volunteers, parents/carers, management or trustees and the general public.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everybody's business. It involves:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

For the purposes of child protection legislation, the term 'child' refers to anyone up to the age of 18 years.

Children have a right to have fun and be safe. Our policies and procedures reflect our understanding and the importance of safeguarding children, a few include:

- Child protection policy and procedure
- Safe recruitment procedure (including suitability)
- Staff and volunteer's induction and supervision
- Staff and volunteers code of conduct
- Photography, video, mobile phone, and e-safety
- Training
- Health and Safety policy and procedures
- First Aid
- Fire Procedures
- Risk assessments

- Secure premises
- Managing Behaviour
- Child registration information
- Procedures for children's safe arrival and departure
- Deployment of staff
- Trip and outings procedures
- SEND policy

We also ensure that we:

- Listen to concerns from children, parents, and carers
- Keep up to date with any changes to the registration of your service

The legal and policy framework for child protection is determined by the Children Act 1989 and formal guidance in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2013', published by the Department for Education.

Local policy, procedure, and guidance for practitioners in child protection is the responsibility of the local safeguarding children board, as established by the Children Act 2004. In Bristol, this is the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB). BSCB is a member of the South West Child Protection Procedures (SWCPP) which provides all agencies in the South West of England with core multi-agency child protection procedures and all professionals should consult these procedures.

For Further Information:

- *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018*  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/729914/Working\\_Together\\_to\\_Safeguard\\_Children-2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729914/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children-2018.pdf)
- *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018*  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/737289/Keeping\\_Children\\_Safe\\_in\\_Education\\_Sept\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/737289/Keeping_Children_Safe_in_Education_Sept_2018.pdf)
- Recruitment and selection of charity trustees are set out in guidance "[Finding New Trustees \(CC30\)](https://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc30.asp)", available from the charity commission [www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc30.asp](https://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc30.asp)
- South West Child Protection Procedures – provide detailed online information on all aspects of child protection – [www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk)
- EYFS 2012 Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
- Bristol Safeguarding Children Board  
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/bristol-safeguarding-children-board>

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