

1 Introduction.

Safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk is a **high priority** for Powys County Council.

Safeguarding is everyone's business, and every child and adult has the right to be protected from harm, exploitation and abuse.

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy provides a framework for **every member of staff** and service within the Council setting out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk.

2 Principles.

The policy requires effective partnership working, co-operation and collaboration between all those involved with children, young people and adults at risk, to ensure that the principles set out are applied and delivered.

3 Legislation, Policy and Guidance.

Legislation which is contained within the various Acts and guidance enshrine the right to protection from abuse. The legal starting point in achieving this objective is a professionals' duty to report allegations of abuse and neglect.

The law identifies the Local Authority as the lead organisation in making enquiries to identify whether an individual is at risk and in coordinating the response to protect.

The full policy provides details of key legislation and guidance that directs the work of the Council in relation to Safeguarding.

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7 Monitoring and Review.

Powys County Council has an effective governance framework and information provided can be appropriately challenged through the Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Full Council.

Self-Assessment Audits will be completed by service areas and findings collated and published in an Annual Report.

The Corporate Safeguarding Board will be responsible for reporting to the Regional Safeguarding Board.

6 Duty to Report and How to Report a Concern.

As a matter of principle, anyone with concerns regarding the safety of a child, young person or adult should use the following contact details –

Children's Services Front Door
csfrontdoor@powys.gov.uk 01597 827 666

Adults Service ASSIST
assist@powys.gov.uk 0345 602 7050

Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team
0345 0544 847

5 Roles and Responsibilities.

All employees, councillors and volunteers have the duty to report concerns about abuse and neglect.

Children's Services have the responsibility for receiving and responding to new concerns about children. Adult Services have the responsibility for receiving and responding to new concerns about adults at risk. However, all staff in the Council have a responsibility for safeguarding.

The duty to report is a legal requirement and failure to report appropriately will be considered a serious matter under the Council's HR policies.

4 Governance Arrangements.

At a corporate level the responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the Council is delegated to the Corporate Safeguarding Board.

The Corporate Safeguarding Board is made up of lead practitioners for each service area and Members of the Cabinet.

Safeguarding Leads are responsible for disseminating information and actions and will be accountable for the completion of tasks attributed to their service area.