

Progress report for SACRE

Safeguarding Children Guidance: Developing policies and procedures for the Voluntary, Community, Faith based and Private organisations

The guidance is written for Voluntary, Community, Faith based and Private organisations that provide services for children and their families.

The purpose of the guidance is to set out the areas that organisations must consider to ensure that the arrangements they have in place helps children to grow up safely.

The development of information and guidance for staff, volunteers, committee members, children, young people, families and the community is an important, and in some cases, a legal duty.

Each organisation will be potentially unique in what it does and how it does it. This guidance will help organisations identify what action they need to take to ensure that arrangements are in place to keep children safe. The guidance is unable to include all details that relate every specific area, for example: fire safety.

These arrangements are set out in this guidance in the following headings:

Setting out how the organisation helps to safeguard children

Safe processes – how organisations meet the needs of children

Safe environment

Safe information

Safe staff, students and volunteers (Recruitment, training and managing allegations)

Safe children

Safeguarding / Child Protection Procedures

The first draft document has been reviewed and amended to ensure that the information is as friendly and helpful for a variety of knowledge levels held by organisations across the sectors. Work with different groups within different communities has also helped inform the review.

The second draft will be circulated by the end of November for extended consultation with relevant organisations who will be the likely users of the finished document

Further information can be obtained from

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