



1) New Procedures launched

Wales Safeguarding Procedures Project Board launched the new Wales Safeguarding Procedures on 11th November 2019.

They replace the All Wales Child Protection Procedures and the Wales Interim Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Abuse.



2) New digital format

The procedures are not designed to be printed they are digital only. They will be updated every 6 months.



3) What are the changes for adults?

The presumption of capacity is implicit throughout.

Advocacy duties are paramount.

The adult at risk is central to decision making and there must be communication throughout the process.

The duty to report is explicit.

No consent does not mean no action.

They outline duties for Section 126 enquiries.

Adult Protection Conference replaces Case Conference.

7) What next...

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures App is available for download now via the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. They can also be viewed in English at www.safeguarding.wales and in Welsh at www.diogelu.cymru.

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Board have developed an implementation programme.

Full implementation is expected by April 2020.

Training on the procedures for staff in key roles will be rolled out in Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan in March 2020.

Safeguarding Training reflecting the new procedures will be available from May.

You will be kept informed via our 'C&V RSB; Keeping you informed' updates.

4) What are the changes for children?

The duty to report is explicit.

They outline duties for Section 47 enquiries and Child Protection Conferences.

It includes 10 individual practice guides.

The Child Protection Plan is renamed as the Care and Support Protection Plan.



6) How does this affect me?

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures will guide safeguarding practice for all those employed in the statutory, third (voluntary) and private sectors in health, social care, education, police, justice and other services.

They apply to all practitioners and managers working in Wales, whether employed by a devolved or non-devolved agency, and whether in paid or unpaid work.

5) Safeguarding concerns about practitioners and those in positions of trust

This is a stand-alone section which covers safeguarding concerns about practitioners and those in positions of trust.

It replaces Part IV of the AWCP and Professional Concerns guidance for adults.

The approach is consistent for child and adult concerns.