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Wales Safeguarding Procedures

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Safeguarding Board

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1) New Procedures launched

Wales Safeguarding Procedures developed by Cardiff and the Vale Safeguarding Board, on behalf of all Regional Safeguarding Boards came into force on 1st April 2020

They replace the All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008 and Wales Interim Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Abuse.

They should be used alongside the Welsh Government 'Handling Individual Cases' Guidance, which was issued to accompany the 2014 Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act.

2) New digital format

The procedures are not designed to be printed they are digital only. You can download an app for mobile devices and a web link for laptops. Details are provided in this briefing. They will be updated every six months. To accompany these briefings we will be producing a set of more detailed documents to clearly explain the main differences to all practitioners

3) What does this mean for Safeguarding Adults?

The adult at risk is **central to decision making** and must be communicated with throughout the process and **Advocacy** must be offered as appropriate

The **duty to report** concerns remains a **statutory responsibility**

Local Authorities have **7 working days to undertake Section 126 enquiries**

No consent does not mean **no action**

The term Case Conference has been replaced with **Adult Protection Conference**

The term Designated Lead Manager has been replaced with **Lead Co-ordinator**

4) What does this mean for Safeguarding Children?

The child at risk process ensures **a child centred focus** throughout

The **duty to report** concerns remains a **statutory responsibility**

The **duties** for **Section 47 enquiries** and **Child Protection Conferences** are outlined within the procedures

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

The term key worker has been replaced with **Care &Protection plan Co-ordinator**

5) Professional Concerns

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 new approach is now consistent for concerns about both children and adults

6) What does this mean as I work or volunteer in social care?

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 any other services that work with adults or children who may be at risk

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

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 www.safeguarding.wales and in Welsh www.diogelu.cymru.

A desktop version is now available at: http://www.myguideapps.com/projects/wales_safeguarding_procedures/default/.

As the Procedures have been in force since 1st April 2020 we are hoping to provide a broad range of learning opportunities to ensure that practitioners across the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board region are informed about the changes. This learning may take on a number of new formats in light of the current Covid 19 situation in workplaces