

Safeguarding and Governance within the Charity Sector

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About Safety Net



VISION: Keeping children and young people safe from harm and abuse

MISSION: building communities where children know they have the right to feel safe and adults are actively involved in protecting them from harm.

Get Help



- Support for parents and carers
- Parenting workshops
- Triple P training
- Online safety for parents
- Parental Advisory Group
- Child Safety Newsletter



- Safety Net Assertiveness Programme (SNAP)
- Holiday and activities programme
- Transition support (primary to secondary)
- Safety awareness workshops (Safety Rocks)
- Personal safety sessions
- Online safety
- Playground buddy and peer mediation schemes
- Children's Advisory Group
- Feeling Good Feeling Safe programme for Schools



- Courses and workshops for individuals
- Training for organisations, schools and groups
- Safeguarding support and guidance
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- Training or meeting room hire



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The Core Message



1. **Safeguarding is a key governance priority** for all charities, not just those working with groups traditionally considered at risk
2. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**
3. Only the **Police and Social Services** carry out Child Protection.

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- You **should** proactively safeguard and promote the well-being and welfare of your beneficiaries.
- You **must** take reasonable steps to make sure that beneficiaries and others who come into contact with the charity do not come to harm.

Charities: how to protect children and adults at risk, Mar 2018 - Guidance

Brighton and Hove statistics



392 children on child protection plans as at March 2016

- Emotional abuse 53%
- Neglect 31%
- Multiple categories 11%
- Sexual abuse 3%
- Physical abuse 2%

Most prevalent contributory factor is **domestic violence** – 54.5%

Around **one in five** children in the UK has been exposed to domestic violence.

National Child Abuse Statistics



- Almost **one in five** children (under age of 17) has experienced serious or severe abuse at some point in their lifetime.
- On average, every week in the UK, **at least one child is killed** through recognised cases of child abuse.
- For every child placed on a child protection plan, it is estimated that there are another **eight children** who are suffering from abuse.
- **Deaf and disabled children** are more than three times likely to be abused.

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International Abuse - UK Charity Summit, March 2018



Charity Commission reports 532 serious incidents on safeguarding received in Feb and Mar 2018, compared to 1,210 throughout 2016-17

Top priorities:

1. Leadership, culture and values
2. Law, regulation and the statutory framework
3. Capacity and capability in charities around safeguarding and
4. Responsibilities and reporting, accountability and transparency

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The Charity Commission's Safeguarding Strategy, Dec 2017



This strategy has 4 strands which includes:

1. Emphasise trustee awareness and prevention
 - 1) Safeguarding children and young people – **Policy**
 - 2) The essential trustee - **Guidance**
 - 3) Finding new trustees - **Guidance**
 - 4) How to report a serious incident – **Guidance**
2. Explain the Commission's supervisory and monitoring role
3. Describe how it co-operates with other agencies
4. Set out when and how it intervenes – purpose and scope

1) Safeguarding C&YP, 2014 –

You must..

- 1. CLEAR LINE OF ACCOUNTABILITY**
- 2. SENIOR BOARD LEAD**
- 3. CULTURE OF LISTENING**
- 4. DSL**
- 5. STAFF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION**
- 6. PROCESS OF SHARING INFO TO LA**
- 7. WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY – LADO and DBS**
- 8. RECRUITMENT**

Process of Sharing information to your LA



Brighton and Hove - Front Door for Families

- Email: FrontDoorforFamilies@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk
- Tel: 01273 290400
- Out of hours: 01273 335905 or 01273 335906

West Sussex – MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub)

- Email: mash@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk
- Tel: 01403 229900
- Out of hours: 033 022 26664

East Sussex - Single Point of Advice (SPOA)

- Email: 0-19.SPOA@eastsussex.gcsx.gov.uk
- Tel: 01323 464222

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Whistleblowing Policy

The **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)**, has overall responsibility for the management of allegations of abuse against adults who work with vulnerable individuals.

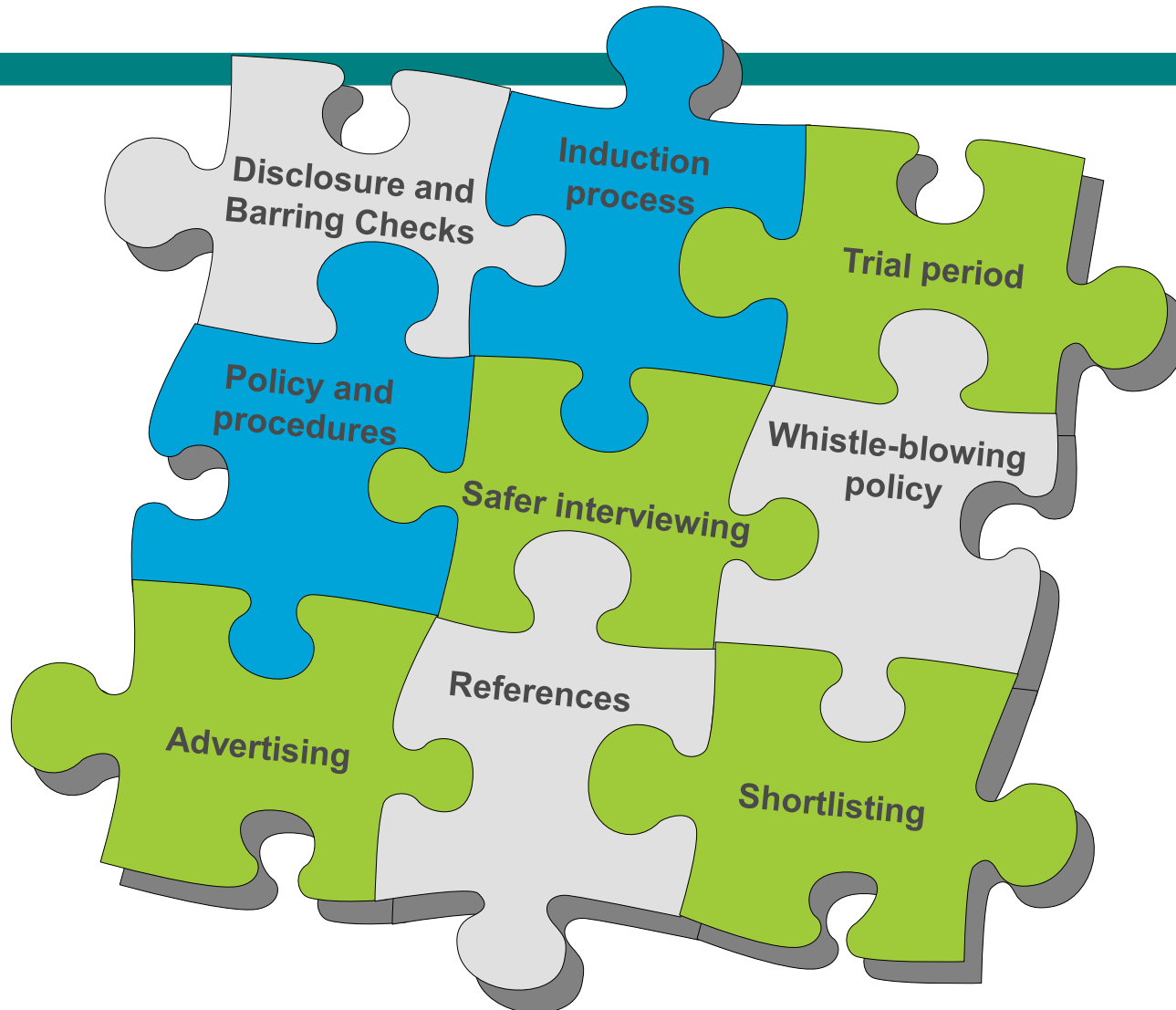
Brighton & Hove Darrel Clews 01273 295643

West Sussex Lindsey Tunbridge-Adams 0330 222 3339

East Sussex Amanda Glover 07825 782793

You **must** report all allegations to the LADO and make a referral to the DBS.

Recruitment



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4. How to report a serious incident in your charity



You **must** let the Charity Commission know when there has been a serious incident.

Serious Incidents constitutes as alleged or actual abuse by one of the following areas:

1.UNDER CARE/PERSON CONNECTED

2.ACTIVITIES

3.POLICY BREACH

To make a report, email: RSI@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk

Making a Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission



When making a serious incident report, you **should provide details of:**

- who you are and your connection to the charity
- the authority you have to report on behalf of the charity's trustees
- who in the trustee body is aware of the incident
- what happened and when the charity first became aware of it
- action being taken to deal with the incident and prevent future problems
- whether and when it was reported to the police or another agency/regulator
- media handling lines you may have prepared

In Summary –

You **should**..

- **Review your charity's safeguarding governance** and management arrangements and performance if you have not done so within the last 12 months.

You **must**..

- **Contact the Commission about serious safeguarding incidents**, complaints or allegations which have not previously been disclosed to the regulator or the appropriate authorities.

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Safety net training and support



- Safety net will be providing a new service to support CVS groups to meet their legal responsibilities for safeguarding, including development of SG & CP policies and practise in line with recommendations from the Charity Commission.

We also offer organisational staff training:

- **Intro to Safeguarding and DSL training**

If you are interested in this, please get in touch or visit our website:

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