

2.3.2. (a) The purpose of safeguarding

The purpose of safeguarding legislation and policies includes:

- promoting and maintaining the safety of individuals (and care workers)
- developing and maintaining effective lines of communication whilst also maintaining confidentiality of information
- ensuring appropriate vetting procedures when recruiting new employees.

The key safeguarding provision set out in current legislation and policies

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989

The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

The Human Rights Act 1998

The Children Act 2004

Aims to identify needs and provide early intervention and makes provision for the Joint Assessment Framework.

Mental Health Act 1989

The Children Act 1989

Emphasised the welfare of the child.

The All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008

The safety procedures for children and young people at risk of harm in Wales.

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

The Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

Safeguards in relation to the recruitment of staff working with children or vulnerable adults and the current necessary checks, e.g. the Disclosure and Banning Service (DBS) and appropriate 'lists', such as the Children's Barred List (List 99), POCA – Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (children and young people), and POVA – Protection of Vulnerable Adults.

