

What is Child protection?

Child protection is a key part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It is the activity which is undertaken to protect children and young people who are suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm as a result of abuse, harm or neglect.

Children in Wales (2021)

Child protection is a part of the safeguarding process

Laws are passed to prevent behaviour that can harm children or require action to protect children

The uk's four nations each have their own child protection system and laws to help protect children from abuse and neglect

It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm

Protecting children from the risk of harm



The children's act 1989 is a united Kingdom act of parliament which allocates duties to local authorities, courts, parents and other agencies in the United Kingdom

Law commission England and Wales (2020)

★ The children's act recognises the importance that children's welfare should be the paramount concern.

★ The children's bill was announced as part of the queens speech on the 22nd November 1988 and became an Act on the 16th November 1989.



Social work history network (2016)

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act came into force on 6 April 2016.

The Act provides the legal framework for improving the well-being of people who need care and support, and carers who need support, and for transforming social services in Wales

Social care legislation in Wales (2021)

Social services well being act (2014)

★ Under section 7 part 130 there is a duty of care to report children at risk . If a relevant partner of a local authority has a reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a child at risk it must inform the local authority.

★ A child at risk is a child who:

- A; experiencing or is at risk of abuse and neglect or other kinds of harm
- B; Has needs of care and support.



Social services well being act (2014)

Why is it important to look for signs of abuse and neglect?

- . Abuse and Neglect can have long lasting negative effects on children.
- . A child that has experienced abuse may experience problems with their health, relationship problems and difficulties with their education.
- . Mental health problems
- . Severe abuse can lead to long lasting brain damage
- . Issues with attachment



Social cognition (2018)

Attachment Theory

'Attachment theory is characterised by specific behaviours in children, such as seeking proximity to the attachment figure when upset or threatened'

(Bowlby, 1969)

- . Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are stressful events occurring in childhood.
- . There are many contributing factors to ACE'S. Some of these include being the victim of :
- . Physical and emotional abuse
- . Sexual abuse
- . Neglect

School safeguarding policy

'The safeguarding and child protection policy is the key document that helps staff understand what they need to know in order to keep children safe and how to respond when they are concerned. Policies should be reviewed and updated at least annually, but possibly more often to account for changes in guidance'

Safeguarding in school (2021)

Our School safeguarding policy

- _ Staff and governors of this school fully recognise the contribution they make to safeguarding children**
- . Pupil welfare is top priority**
- , The school thrives to provide a caring supportive environment in which pupils feel safe**

Anonymous (2021)



Netclip (2021)

Aims of our school policy

- . Ensuring all pupils feel listened to**
- . To raise awareness to all staff on the need to safeguard pupils**
- . Staff to work with relevant agencies such as social services when needed**
- . To ensure staff are made aware of their responsibilities to report any concerns**
- . To provide a systematic way of monitoring children know to be at risk of harm**

Child Sexual exploitation

'Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 in sexual activity'

Department of Education (2021)

Who is at risk??

- . Any child in all communities
- . Children aged 12-15 are most at risk
- . Child exploitation may be more common in girls but boys are still at risk.
- . Boys are less likely to report it



Peacefirst.org (2021)

Signs of exploitation

- . Acquisition of money, clothes and mobile phones
- . Unexplained absences from school
- . Repeatedly going missing from school
- . Inappropriate sexual behaviour
- . Being secretive

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