

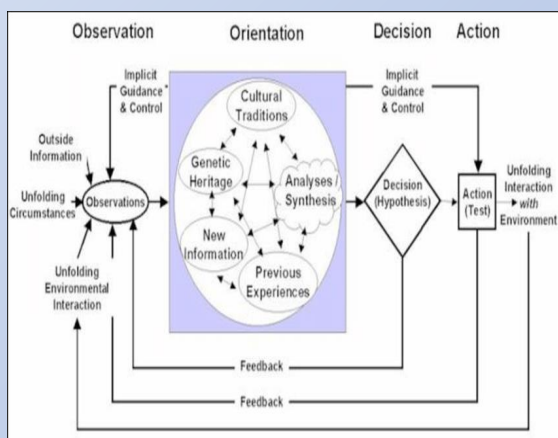
ECAY5001 – Advocacy in
Partnership: Multi-Agency
Working

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How can agencies effectively balance the need for confidentiality with their responsibility for safeguarding

1. The Data Protection Act 1998 and human rights laws are not barriers to justified information sharing but provide a framework to ensure information is shared correctly.
2. Be open and honest with the individual/family from the outset about why, what, how and with whom information will be shared.
3. Seek advice if in doubt about sharing information, without disclosing the identity of the individual where possible;
4. Share with informed consent where appropriate. Information can be shared without consent if safety is at risk.
5. Safety and well-being: Base information sharing decisions on the safety and wellbeing of the individual and others who may be affected by their actions.
6. Ensure the information you share is necessary, proportionate, relevant, accurate, timely and secure.
7. Keep a record of your decision and the reasons for it. If you decide to share, then record what you have shared, with whom and for what purpose.

Complexity Theory



Legislation and guidance to consider:

- Every Child Matters 2003.
- The Children's Act 1989, (Amended 2004).
- Working together to safeguard children 2010.
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019.
- GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 ('Safeguarding of children and individuals at risk').

Practitioners must be confident of processing conditions for storing and sharing information needed to carry out safeguarding role.

Be clear and confident regarding Data Protection Act.

Relevant information can be shared lawfully if it is to keep a child safe from neglect, emotional or mental harm or to protect their physical, mental or emotional wellbeing.

Way forward:-

- Welsh Government Guidance on integrating partnership/plans.
- Be proactive in the development of legislation.
- Training and awareness workshops.
- Information, advice and signposting service.
- Wales Safeguarding Procedures.
- Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners 2018.

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