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The Wales Safeguarding Procedures

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Good morning Welsh Sport Welfare Leads.

On Monday the 11th of November we saw the launch of the new All Wales Protection Procedures 2019 (known as the 'Wales Safeguarding Procedures'). These procedures will in time replace The All Wales Child protection Procedures of 2008.

The reason for the change is to align our procedures with the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014. This Act importantly introduces clear legislation around identifying and safeguarding 'adults at risk' for the first time. The new Wales Safeguarding Procedures encompassing the safeguarding and protection of children and adults.

Laura, Cerri and I have not had advanced sight of the procedures so we are finding our way through the new expectations and we will continue to do so.

First glance does indicate that Regional Safeguarding Boards will be requiring authorities to have a LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer), or if not a DSO (Designated Safeguarding Officer). This should make life easier in having a single point of contact for each authority, that SPOC having responsibility for children and adult safeguarding.

We will look to put a briefing/update in place at the Lead Officer Forum on the 23rd of January.

There is an app available at www.safeguarding.wales where the procedures can be accessed on a mobile phone. No doubt this will allow wider access in due course (I am told they will be on this link from Monday next week). There will be no hard copy circulation of the procedures.

The Regional Boards now need to formerly adopt the procedures so from a sport NGB perspective there may be a period where some of the Regions have adopted and some are yet to do so – which could be a little confusing. The WAG hope that they will be adopted by all toward the end of January with full implementation on or before April 2020.

As soon as we know more we will circulate.

leuan, Cerri and Laura.

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