



Covid-19 Safeguarding checklist for wider workforce organisations & professionals



Review & update Child Protection Policy (e.g include a Covid-19 annex to policy) to highlight changes to current way of working/engagement	
Trained DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Deputy DSL available to staff via telephone/ online contact	
DSL's who miss refresher training during this period will still be classified as 'trained' but look to re-book at the earliest possible opportunity	
Ensure a plan is in place to maintain regular contact with service users, particularly those deemed as vulnerable	
Consider the mental health of service users, whilst in self-isolation, signing posting to further support, when required	
Consider including an annex in your organisation's Online Safety Policy to reflect changes in contact and engagement, during self-isolation. Reference your staff 'code of conduct' in this annex to ensure that suitable boundaries are in place to protect staff and service users	
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For any online engagement and when using online tools & resources, service users MUST also be signposted to practical support such as; Childline/ UK Safer Internet Centre/ CEOP and parents/ carers should also be directed to support to ensure their child is safe when online	
Ensure that all staff are aware of any changes to your organisation's safeguarding reporting process and that all concerns are recorded accurately and shared promptly	
Ensure that all staff are aware of the changes to your organisation's Child Protection Policy and that the policy is regularly reviewed to reflect the on-going changes	