

## **SLSA Wales Scope of Safeguarding Policy**

This document applies to all coaches, members and volunteers and associated personnel who are recognised by their club as playing an active role within the club supporting our 18 year and under members. Adults responsible for the day-to-day care of individual children will be referred to as parent/carer(s) throughout this document.

A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 years (The Children Act 1989 & 2004).

There is no single piece of legislation that covers 'child protection' or 'safeguarding' in the UK but a number of laws that are continually being amended, updated or revoked. The Children's Act 1989 provides a comprehensive framework for the care and protection of all children. It centres on the welfare of children up to their 18th birthday.

The Children's Act 2004 supplemented the 1989 Act and reinforced the message that all organisations working with children have a duty in helping safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

This policy should be reviewed every 3 years or whenever there is a major change in the association or in relevant legislation. The updated policy will be signed off by a Case Management Team and/or the NSPCC for significant changes. The updated policy will be sent to all affiliated Surf Life Saving clubs via their club Safeguarding Officers and will be promoted through the SLSAW website.

