

Elin Jones MS,  
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Date: 16 November 2021

Subject: Safeguarding training

Dear Elin,

It seems fitting to write to you this week, during National Safeguarding Week to share our experiences of safeguarding training. We recently completed the two part Introduction to Safeguarding and Child Protection in Wales training delivered by the NSPCC. Deciding to do this training was one of the first decisions we made as a Committee. We believed it was important both on a practical level, to help us know what we should do if during our committee work we encounter any safeguarding concerns; but also as a statement of how important and critical we believe safeguarding to be for anyone who has contact with children and young people.

The training was excellent; and even those Members who had undertaken safeguarding training previously, felt it was useful in the context of their role as a MS. As we understand it, there are no ways for training to be mandated for all MS. However, we want to encourage all our colleagues to take up the opportunity to undertake safeguarding training. We are also issuing a statement (enclosed) to this effect.

We are aware that safeguarding training is provided by a range of different providers within Wales, and that the Member's Learning and Engagement Team within the Senedd can support either individual MS or groups of MS in undertaking the training. We understand that as part of National Safeguarding Week, this team are raising awareness of the opportunities to learn more about safeguarding.

I am copying in the party leaders, and Jane Dodds MS. We know that the party leaders can play an important role in encouraging members of their groups to undertake such training.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.