

## The importance of Safeguarding training and knowledge

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During National Safeguarding Week (15-19 November 2021), we are calling on our fellow Members of the Senedd to take up opportunities to undertake safeguarding training.

As a Committee, one of the first decisions we made was to undertake an Introduction to Safeguarding and Child Protection in Wales training course. We prioritised this because we wanted to ensure that during our Committee work, or in our wider work as individual Members, we would have the knowledge and confidence to take the right steps, if faced with safeguarding concerns.

All Members of the Committee completed this training. All of us found it incredibly useful and informative. Whilst some of us had undertaken safeguarding training in previous roles, doing training that looked at the specific, and often unique context of how safeguarding issues may arise in our roles as MS was important. Elected politicians such as ourselves have a unique and often privileged role in society. We come into contact with many children and young people, and we should all have the knowledge to know what to do if during that contact we have safeguarding concerns.

We now feel more equipped to do this, and we would encourage all our fellow Members to seek out such training opportunities.

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