



SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS CO-ORDINATORS TEAM FOR WALES

The Minutes of a meeting for The Safeguarding Awareness Co-ordinators Team for Wales held on Saturday 6th March 2010 at Builth Wells High School.

PRESENT	Edith Lovelock	Joint Chairman	
	David Norcross	Joint Chairman	
	Phil Andrew	Glamorgan West	
	Richard Edwards	CATVOG	
	Ian Francis	Carmarthenshire	
	Ina Carney	Gwent	
	Gary Trundell	HQ representative	<i>(for part of meeting)</i>
APOLOGIES	Clive Bryant	Ceredigion	
	Ian Forman	Carmarthenshire	
	Yvonne Glover-West	Radnorshire	

PART ONE – RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations to ScoutsWales

1. SAC's receive an updated Wales specific list of SAC's in order to facilitate networking
2. ScoutsWales liaise with HQ to ensure that Team Day does not clash or precede or follow an intensive Safeguarding training session as many SAC's work weekends and cannot have consecutive weekend leave of absence
3. AC's are made aware of the need for SAC's to have strategic meetings with the Area Executive board, training managers, and DO's.
4. ScoutsWales addresses the issue of the lack of SAC's in six areas of Wales
5. ScoutsWales considers the viability of Field Commissioners becoming TUK ambassadors to cascade TUK training throughout Wales
6. ScoutsWales considers if some of the new safeguarding resources, particularly those to be given to parents, e.g. Safe and Sound and the Joining In leaflets should be translated into Welsh
7. ScoutsWales asks DO's to liaise with SAC's in order that good practice with relation to safeguarding is introduced at the start of a new group/section
8. Team meetings for SAC's were reviewed as per our Agenda 7 item

Recommendations to HQ

1. HQ to look into the possibility of face to face training on an individual basis for new SAC's in order for them to access training resources and for training to be implemented in their area.
2. To liaise with ScoutsWales to avoid clashes of team days as many of our SAC's work weekends and cannot have two consecutive weekends off.

3. An audit be taken in order to clarify which SAC's are up to date with their training.
4. To ensure that there are TUK ambassadors in Wales (could Field Commissioners be used?)
5. Transition information for explorers/network/young leaders is needed, particularly regarding safeguarding issues.
6. A request is made to HQ for key information that could be displayed on Welsh networks or newsletters.
7. HQ is requested to supply regular newsletters to SAC's, as has been done in the past.
8. Consideration needs to be given to ease of access from rural areas of Wales to wherever training is given. (We are aware that other rural areas have similar problems,)

PART TWO – MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairmen welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given as above.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28TH MARCH 2009

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. There was one correction that needs making. It was agreed that the members present asked that Edith and David should be joint chair, BUT they did not suggest that a new chair should be sought.

4. MATTERS ARISING

No separate flow chart was issued for Wales. It has been confirmed by Gilwell Safeguarding Team that all incidents should be reported to HQ unless there is an imminent risk to the young person. District Commissioners should follow the advice given on their yellow flow chart card.

Wales specific list of SAC's still not distributed. This was requested in order to facilitate Networking
Action Scouts Wales/HQ

New role information of SAC's was sent to Area Commissioners, rather than to SAC's.

No agenda had been prepared as it was expected that HQ would run a safeguarding training session. In fact at least one of the team had intentionally not attended the previous weekend's training session as he expected to have the training at Builth Wells. Gary Trundell of the HQ Safeguarding team attended the session. He delivered an approximately one hour training session before lunch and held a good question and answer/discussion session, before leaving. The following agenda for the afternoon's session was then agreed by all present.

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last meeting

4. Matters arising
5. Input from Gilwell and feedback
6. Feedback from training session at Leicester
7. Role of SAC's in Wales
8. AoB

5. INPUT FROM GILWELL AND FEEDBACK

- It was felt that the input from HQ fell short of expectations.
- Half of those present had received the information given at Leicester, but it was felt that the safeguarding issue examples given here were better.
- The other half of the team expected to receive updated training resources. Gary said that they would have to contact HQ themselves to request these. He also said that they would not automatically be given out, but that it would depend on their individual latest training. This caused concern amongst the Team. It was felt that it could mean some areas being without the latest training resources for up to two years.
- Gary raised some pertinent points regarding the training needs in Wales. If the training is in future to be biannually in England, new SAC's would need to access training on an individual basis. HQ is looking at ways to implement this training, e.g. one to one training with new SAC's
ACTION: HQ
- If training is to be bi-annual, it is imperative that all SAC's have as much advance notice as possible in order to keep that weekend free. ScoutsWales also need to have the date to avoid possible clash of dates.
ACTION: HQ/SCOUTSWALES
- We need to liaise more with Field Commissioners and Development Officers
- Gary reaffirmed that SAC's cannot hold Commissioner or GSL appointments as well. This means that Richard and Ian Francis will need to stand down. Ian requested that he remain in post as there are two SAC's in his Area, each responsible for the other's section, i.e. Ian would not be responsible for overseeing his own group. Gary was adamant that this would not be possible. It was suggested that Ian became part of a safeguarding Team in his Area.
- Gary advised that SAC's report 1st to the Area Executive Board, 2nd to the Area Commissioner and Team, the Training Managers and also to DC's. Good practice in Snowdonia and Anglesey is that there is an Area Forum with all the Area Team, Training Manager and DC's attending together.
ACTION: SAC'S/AC'S
- An audit needs to be undertaken to clarify which SAC's are considered to be fully up to date with their training and ascertain what further training is required of the other Welsh SAC's
ACTION: HQ
- Six areas in Wales are without SAC's. This needs to be addressed
ACTION: SCOUTSWALES
- In order to address the need for ThinkUKnow training in Wales, it was suggested that TUK Ambassadors were trained to cascade TUK training throughout the Province. Could Field Commissioners do this? Think U Know ambassador training might be delivered to more SAC's, but taking into consideration the demography and geography of Wales, we might well need far more ambassadors.
ACTION: HQ/SCOUTSWALES

- It was felt that some of the new safeguarding resources, particularly those to be given to parents, e.g. Safe and Sound and the Joining In leaflets should be translated into Welsh
ACTION: SCOUTSWALES
- Transition information for explorers/network/young leaders is needed, particularly regarding safeguarding issues.
ACTION: HQ
- It was suggested that DO'S liaise with SAC's in order that good practice with relation to safeguarding is introduced at the start of a new group/section
ACTION: FIELD COMMISSIONERS
- It was felt that a request should be made to HQ for key information that could be displayed on Welsh networks or newsletters.
ACTION HQ
- It was felt that HQ should be requested to supply regular newsletters to SAC's, as has been done in the past
ACTION HQ

6. FEEDBACK FROM TRAINING SESSION AT LEICESTER

Several discussions took place about the course at Leicester. It was a very intensive and informative course. Steve Reeves did say during the training weekend that it would be impossible to deliver the volume of training during the time available at a Team Day. In order to access the necessary and maybe obligatory training, the Wales SAC's will have to travel to wherever the courses are held. It was felt that consideration needs to be given to ease of access from rural areas of Wales.

ACTION: HQ

The good practice action plan for SAC's is:

- Strategic discussion with relevant Commissioner
- Accessing enabling group - sectional
- Strategic contact with ATM
- Preparing training required
- The role of the general update session
- Provision of antibullying support
- An approach to Think You Know training – in your area.

7. ROLE OF SAC'S IN WALES

It was felt that just meeting as a group of SAC's on Team Day was not achieving much, as we meet up on training sessions. It would be different if all the SAC's posts were filled in Wales and the more experienced SAC's could offer support to newer SAC's.

It might be possible for new SAC's to meet up with their counterparts in the next geographical Area and perhaps sit in on their training.

Members of the SAC team would be prepared to join up with any other team/group to offer safeguarding support.

It would be good practice in Wales to develop safeguarding teams and or networking groups.

As SAC's have to support TUK training in their Area, perhaps a TUK ambassador could visit the Team to support the SAC's in this part of their role.

It was felt that future meetings of the Team should be with Field Commissioners and DO's to ensure that good practice takes place in all Areas of Wales.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Phil congratulated Edith and David on their role as co-chair. This was seconded by Richard and Ian.

9. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Team Day meetings are being held on Saturday 13th November 2010

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____