

STANDARD 2	Child protection	Minimum standard	Evidence	Areas for action	Timescale for completion of action	Assessment rating	Aggregate Rating
ESSENTIAL Elements 1-6 are essential starting points for your child protection arrangements. Meeting these requirements will show that your group or organisation is covering the most important aspects of child protection.	Written statements and procedures for dealing with abuse	1. A written statement of your organisations commitment to protecting children and young people from harm perpetrated either face to face or via the use of digital technology (often called a child protection policy), signed by the most senior person in your organisation.					
		2. a) Clear written procedures for dealing with situations where a child is in early need of help services, or says that s/he is being abused or neglected, or is showing signs of suffering harm. These procedures should set out clearly the processes for sharing information with other professionals. b) Clear written procedures for dealing with situations where allegations of abuse are made against an adult or a child/ young person in your organisation. c) organisation will refer to the DBS and Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) when appropriate					
	Named contacts	3. A named person in your organisation who has special responsibility for dealing with child protection and who can be easily contacted, plus arrangements for cover if that named person is not available.					
		4. Someone at the highest level in your organisation who can support the named person and take leadership responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.					
ADDITIONAL Elements 7-11 will help you strengthen your child protection arrangements. The more of these your group or organisation has in place, the more robust your child protection measures will be. If your organisation is commissioned to provide services by a public sector organisation, then you will need these to comply with Section 11 requirements.	Additional procedures	5. A written code of behaviour for everyone involved in your organisation: children, young people and adults. This should include behaviour when online or using digital technology					
		6. A whistleblowing procedure for anyone who feels that this code of behaviour has been broken or who is concerned about anything else that may be dangerous, illegal or untoward in the organisation.					
		7. Clear information about child protection and your organisations policy, procedures (including multi-agency procedures), named person and code of behaviour, which is available to and accessible by all staff, volunteers, children, young people and families involved with your organisation.					
	Additional procedures- Ensuring your procedures are being followed	8. A system for taking children's views into account and for checking whether the arrangements you have put in place are being used correctly and work effectively.					
9. Ongoing support and training to ensure that your staff and volunteers who work with children and your trustees/ management board members are competent to carry out their responsibilities for protecting them and promoting their welfare, and feel comfortable about raising concerns.							

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