10 actions trustee boards need to take to ensure good safeguarding governance

Safeguarding should be a key governance priority for all charities

1. **Ensure your charity has an adequate safeguarding policy, code of conduct and any other safeguarding procedures. Regularly review and update the policy and procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose.**

2. **Identify possible risks, including risks to your beneficiaries or to anyone else connected to your charity and any emerging risks on the horizon.**

3. **Consider how to improve the safeguarding culture within your charity.**

4. **Ensure that everyone involved with the charity knows how to recognise, respond to, report and record a safeguarding concern.**

5. **Ensure people know how to raise a safeguarding concern.**

6. **If you work overseas, find out what different checks and due diligence you need to carry out in different geographical areas of operation.**

7. **Review which posts within the charity can and must have a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.**

8. **Have a risk assessment process in place for posts which do not qualify for a DBS check, but which still have contact with children or adults at risk.**

9. **Periodically review your safeguarding policy and procedures, learning from any serious incident or ‘near miss’.**

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