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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 416**

**The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023**

**PART 5**

**Policies for the protection of children and maintenance of records**

**Safeguarding policy**

- 20.**—(1) The registered person must prepare and implement a policy which—
- (a) is intended to safeguard children from abuse or neglect, and
  - (b) sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation of abuse or neglect.
- (2) The procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation of abuse or neglect must, in particular—
- (a) provide for liaison and cooperation with any local authority which is, or may be, making a child protection enquiry in relation to a child accommodated by the supported accommodation undertaking;
  - (b) provide for the prompt referral of an allegation about current or ongoing abuse or neglect in relation to a child to the accommodating authority and, if different, the local authority in whose area the premises in which the child is accommodated are located;
  - (c) provide for the prompt referral of an allegation about past abuse or neglect in relation to a child to the accommodating authority and, if different, the local authority in whose area the alleged abuse or neglect occurred;
  - (d) provide for records to be kept of an allegation of abuse or neglect, and the action taken in response;
  - (e) describe the measures which may be necessary to protect children following an allegation of abuse or neglect;
  - (f) describe how and to whom staff are to report, without delay, any concern about abuse or neglect of a child.