#### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2018 No. 1339

# The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018

#### PART 5

Requirements on local authority providers - safeguarding

#### Safeguarding policies and procedures

- **20.**—(1) The local authority provider must have policies and procedures in place—
  - (a) for the prevention of abuse, neglect and improper treatment, and
  - (b) for responding to any allegation or evidence of abuse, neglect or improper treatment.
- (2) In this regulation, such policies and procedures are referred to as safeguarding policies and procedures.
- (3) The local authority provider must ensure that its safeguarding policies and procedures are operated effectively.
- (4) In particular, where there is an allegation or evidence of abuse, neglect or improper treatment, the local authority provider must—
  - (a) act in accordance with its safeguarding policies and procedures,
  - (b) take immediate action to ensure the safety of all children for whom care and support is provided,
  - (c) make appropriate referrals to other agencies, and
  - (d) keep a record of any evidence or the substance of any allegation, any action taken and any referrals made.

#### **Status:**

Point in time view as at 29/04/2019.

### **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018, Section 20.