Colwyn Bay Surf Lifesaving Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Surf Lifesaving Wales guidelines.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children;

**• have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at Colwyn Bay Surf Lifesaving Club in a safe and child centred environment**

**• are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities provided by Colwyn Bay Surf Lifesaving Club.**

As part of our safeguarding policy Colwyn Bay Surf Lifesaving Club will

**• promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people**

**• ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people**

**• ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern**

**• ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored**

**• prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals**

**• ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.**

**The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Colwyn Bay Surf Lifesaving Club. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.**

Monitoring the policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

**• Changes in legislation and/or government guidance**

**• As required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils and Surf Lifesaving Wales**

**• As a result of any other significant change or event.**

(Last reviewed July 2020)

Useful contact details:

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Surf Lifesaving Association of Wales Child protection policy link:

<http://www.slsawalesmis.org.uk/docs/28062020161426.docx>