

# RSL Safeguarding

## Policy Statement

RSL takes the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults extremely seriously and has put in place as many preventative measures as possible within its assessment structure and processes.

An outline of these is provided below and full details of all RSL's Safeguarding procedures can be found in the Safeguarding section of the website [www.rslawards.com](http://www.rslawards.com)

All RSL Safeguarding procedure has been prepared in conjunction with Safe Network, and in accordance with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004. It has also been checked and verified by a qualified Safeguarding trainer.

All RSL staff and associates are expected to adhere to the DoF's advice "What to do if you're worried a child is being abused".

### Examiners

- All UK examiners hold a full Enhanced DBS check and these are re-done every 3 year.
- All UK examiners have been checked as suitable to work with children on the Barred Persons list 99.
- Examiners have also stated in writing that they agree to abide by the "Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 Only" document.
- As part of their training all examiners have completed the NSPCC Level 1 course, Child Protection: An introduction.

### Centres

- All stewards working for centres that RSL hire are strongly advised to obtain an enhanced DBS check.
- All stewards must also follow a set procedure to minimise any potential situations arising.
- All RSL centres will have visibility into the exam room, for example glass in the exam room door, internal windows or silent CCTV monitoring (through webcam or similar) which the steward undertakes to check regularly.

### Employment

- All key RSL employers of examiners and moderators have received Level 3 Safeguarding training and where this has not been possible RSL will include such people in any employment interviews.
- All examiners and moderators are made aware when offered a position of employment with RSL that this is subject to appropriate DBS vetting and barring arrangements.

### Reporting a concern

A clear process of reporting any concerns, witnessed disclosure and/or events has been established and can be found within the Safeguarding section on the RSL website.

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## Protection of Candidate data

All candidate data, regardless of age or ability, is securely held and distributed only at need in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. This includes all online data collected for entry purposes; please see our About Us page for more information on this.

Please note that the local authority area must now begin to transition from Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to new 'safeguarding partners' – these will be the local authority (LA), a clinical commissioning group (CCG) in the area and a chief of police for a local force. It is expected that our local 'safeguarding partners' will name our school as a relevant agency and as such will allow it to be fully engaged in the new local safeguarding arrangements. A new system of child death review partner arrangements is also being put in place. Both these new systems will feed into the new national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel the role of which will be to promote improvement nationally. The transition must be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This policy will be amended as is appropriate when our local authority confirms that the changes have occurred. This policy was last reviewed agreed by the Proprietor of the school in September 2018 and will next be reviewed no later than September 2019 or earlier if significant changes to the systems and arrangements take place, or if legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.

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