



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Humanitarian response to Russia's war in Ukraine

Safeguarding and Modern Slavery

What we have done

- Working with a range of statutory partners, we have published four iterations of our safeguarding and modern slavery guidance. This third version is further developed by advice relating to VAWDASV and online safety: [Homes for Ukraine: safeguarding and modern slavery guidance | GOV.WALES](#)
- We have contributed advice about safeguarding and modern slavery to three iterations of our guidance for sponsors including in relation to online safety: [Homes for Ukraine: guidance for sponsors | GOV.WALES](#)
- We have provided information about reporting safeguarding and modern slavery concerns to our Ukraine Contact Centre staff and our Welcome Centre staff.
- We have provided advice about developing a safeguarding policy for the Ukraine Contact Centre and Welcome Centres.
- We have included links to safeguarding training and VAWDASV training in our published guidance documents and shared it with our Ukraine Contact Centre staff, our Welcome Centre staff and our Arrival Hubs staff: [Learning@Wales: Log in to the site](#) and [VAWDASV awareness module](#)
- We have contributed safeguarding and modern slavery information to a police forces briefing about the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This is being further developed in relation to advice on responding to missing people inquiries.
- We have established a specific mailbox for taking queries in relation to our safeguarding and modern slavery guidance and our policy more generally as it relates to the Ukraine humanitarian response: Ukraine.Safeguarding@gov.wales / Wcrain.diogelu@llyw.cymru
- We have established an escalation procedure with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for reporting serious safeguarding and modern slavery concerns requiring a Border Force intervention, for reporting unaccompanied children and for requesting the removal of a sponsor from the list for locally identified safeguarding reasons: <https://digital.dclg.gov.uk/jira/servicedesk/customer/portal/11>
- We have developed a log of cases of concern relating to safeguarding and support local authority, Welcome Centre, Contact Centre and Police colleagues in respect of providing guidance and ongoing investigations. As at 18 July, we have dealt with around 70 enquiries relating to safeguarding, 20 relating to unaccompanied children and around 90 enquiries relating to a combination of matters.

- To inform our work, we meet with and communicate regularly with local authority Chief Executives, local authority Single Points of Contact, Directors of Social Services, the Chair - Heads of Adults Services, the Chair - Heads of Children's Services, Regional Safeguarding Boards, the Chair - National Independent Safeguarding Board, WLGA, WSMP, CIW, WG Police Liaison Unit, Care Inspectorate Wales, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and Third sector organisations.

Unaccompanied children

- On 15 July, UK Government introduced a visa scheme for children whose visa applications have been on hold since Homes for Ukraine was introduced in March. Lone children were ineligible. The scheme is for children travelling with or joining an adult relative who is not a parent or legal guardian, to stay with a sponsor. In Wales, the scheme is available only to children that applied to the individual scheme. Applications to the super sponsor scheme will remain held as that scheme remains paused. Guidance has been published as below:
 - Guidance for parents or legal guardians - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-parents-or-legal-guardians-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents>
 - Parental consent form - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-for-ukraine-uk-sponsorship-arrangement-consent-form>
 - Guidance for local authorities - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians>
 - Guidance for sponsors - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-sponsors-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians>

Please see the Welsh Government's Ukraine web page for more information:

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