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# Safeguarding Question Time

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# Safeguarding Question Time

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4. OSCR - The regulatory perspective
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# Setting the scene

**Philippa Ramsden, Effectiveness & Learning Manager, Scotland's International Development Alliance**



# Setting the scene

- One year from the media attention of February 2018
- Progress and developments over past year
- Actions and pledges
- Reiterating our commitments
- Seek views and inputs on what is under development
- Perspective of organisations and partners (Scotland and overseas)

# The journey so far

- Media attention and scrutiny
- Collaborative response and actions (UK/DFID/Scottish Government/Alliance)
- Transforming safeguarding standards in Scotland
- Research – safeguarding in Scotland – existing practice and policy
- Development and launch of “*Safer for All*” Support Package
- October Summit, safeguarding commitments and resources



# Introducing “*Safer for All*” - Safeguarding Support Package

- The "Safer for All" package supports organisations to strengthen their safeguarding policies, procedures and practice
- It comprises resources, templates, examples and is accompanied by a structured programme of capacity development, workshops and training



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**APPROACH ON SAFEGUARDING**



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# Feb/March: Minister writes out & SG Policy Statement published



**Minister writes to international NGOs**

Published: 14 Feb 2018 09:15

Part of: [Communities and third sector](#), [International](#)

Partner organisations expected to be "open, honest and transparent".



**Minister in talks with Oxfam Scotland after prostitution scandal**



**AID ABUSE Worker on Scottish Government project in Malawi 'sexually assaulted 16-year-old girl'**



**Aid charities admit sex and money scandals as Scots ministers deliver funding ultimatum**





**Aid charity boss says it can be trusted despite confirming child sex cases**

## Safeguarding the beneficiaries of our international development work

In March 2018, we published our [safeguarding policy](#), which sets out our expectations on the standards from those we fund to provide services to those people and communities who look to our support at their time of greatest need:

"Where we are involved in funding, regulating, scrutinising or providing expert advice to charities involved in delivering international development, we are committed to supporting them, providing a proper framework, and holding them to account in order to achieve these objectives."

# March: SG signs up to Safeguarding Joint Statement



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Policy paper

## Joint statement: Safeguarding summit 5 March 2018

A Joint Statement was agreed setting out a number of actions to drive up standards in the aid sector.

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Published 20 March 2018  
From: [Department for International Development](#)



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# May+: supporting ID Sector in Scotland via the Alliance

- Funding to/working with the Alliance to develop a Safeguarding Support Package.
- SG Ministerial support/priority clearly signalled:
  - **First Minister key note speaker at pilot launch** (Alliance's Annual Conference September); and
  - **Minister for ID at launch of final “Safer For All”** (Alliance's December AGM).
- Wider **SG consults on extending Scotland's PVG Scheme** to protect children & adults who come into contact with PVG Scheme members working overseas.



# OCT: DFID Safeguarding Summit

SG signs up to Donor Statement commitments:

- **Strategic Shift 1: Ensure support** for survivors, victims & whistle-blowers; enhance accountability & transparency; strengthen reporting; & tackle impunity.
- **Strategic Shift 2: Incentivise cultural change** thro strong leadership, organisational accountability & better human resource processes.
- **Strategic Shift 3: Adopt minimum standards**, & ensure we & our partners meet them
- **Strategic Shift 4: Strengthen organisational capacity & capability** across the int'l aid sector, incl building capability of implementing partners to meet the minimum standards.



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# DEC: Minister to SG grantholders:

## Culture Change as next phase

- **IDC Report in July:** perhaps the most damning phrase that stuck in the minds of the public – of “**business as usual**”.
- *“That is why we need to continue to work together - building a culture where safeguarding sits at the heart of what we do, where human rights and people are put first.”*
- *“Safer For All a fantastic step forward, but only 1 small part of safeguarding work that must be embedded in all orgs”. The ask: “continue to support SG’s commitment to effect culture change”*
- *“We also need to recognise the gendered nature of sexual abuse and exploitation. Gender equality initiatives are so closely linked to safeguarding...”*
  - SG encouraging public, private & 3<sup>rd</sup> sector orgs to sign up to **Partnership for Change**, voluntary commitment for gender balance on boards: 50/50 by 2020.”





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# Safeguarding

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# Safeguarding, The Gathering 2019



# Our vision



***Charities you can trust and that  
provide public benefit***

# What we do



**Help the public to  
have more  
confidence in  
charities**



**Help charity trustees  
to understand and  
comply with their  
legal duties**

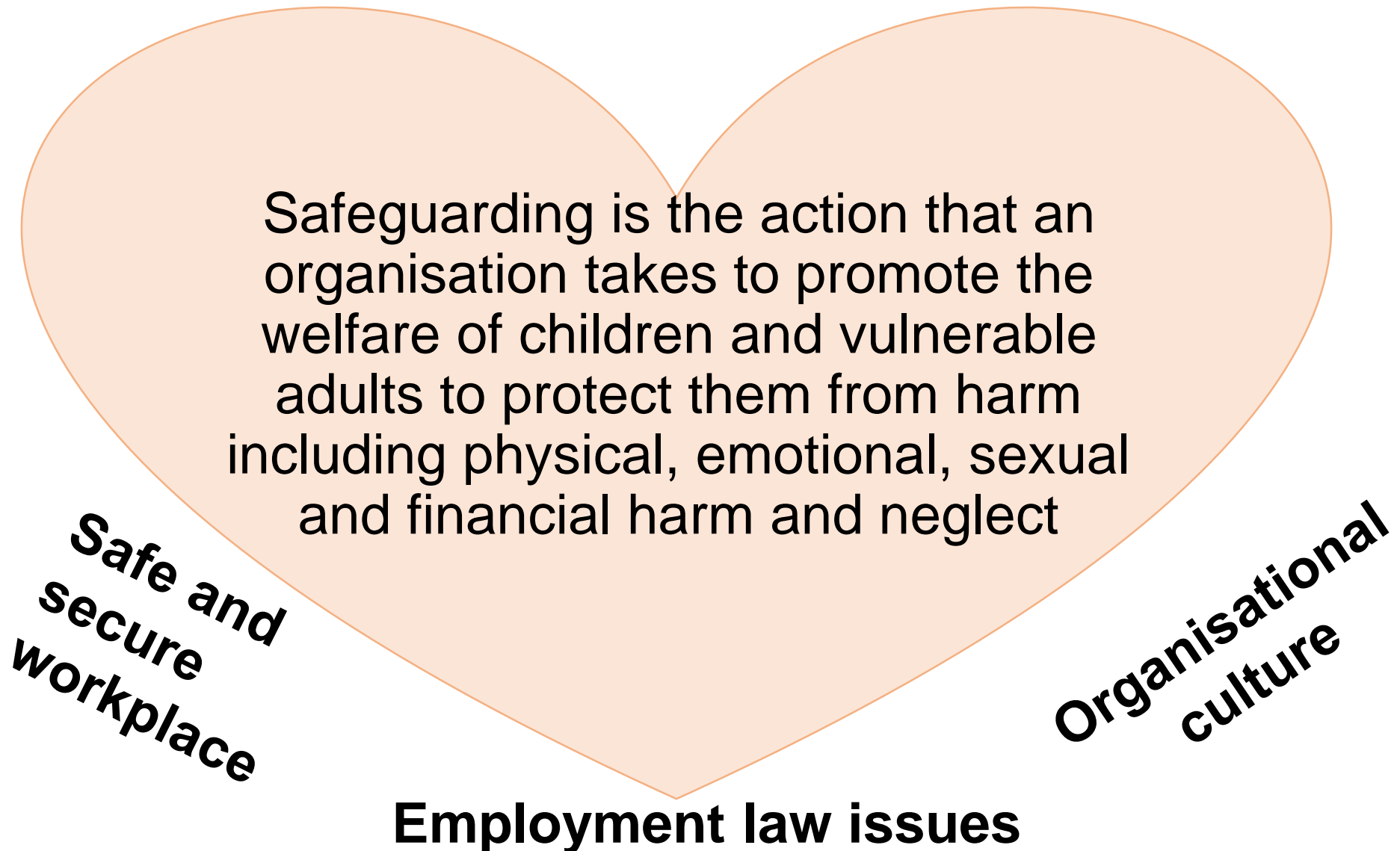


**Ensure registration  
and reporting is  
straightforward and  
proportionate**

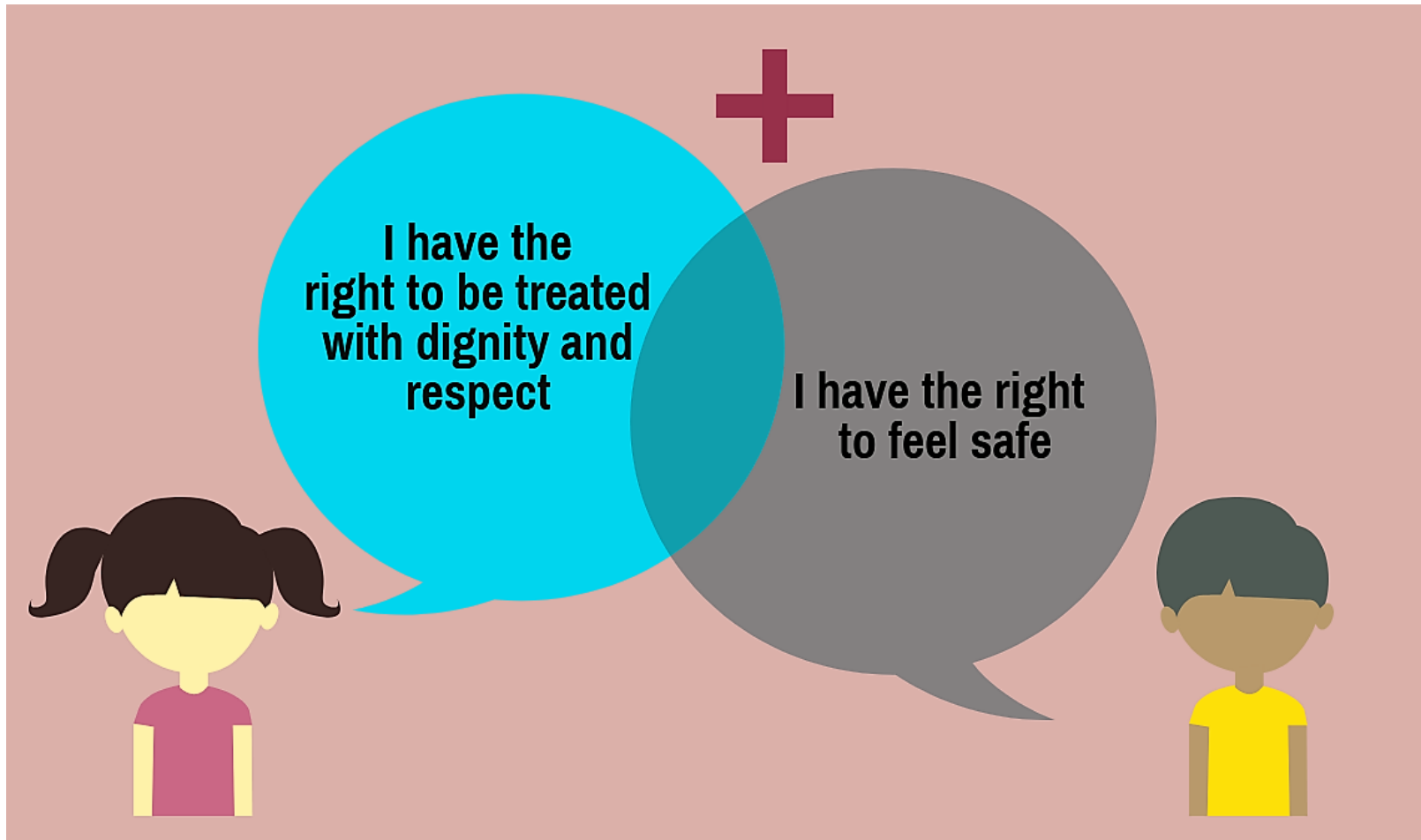


**Review and improve  
the way we operate  
and deliver services  
to all of our  
stakeholders**

# What we mean by safeguarding



# Why safeguarding is important



# Charity trustee duties

## 1. You must act in the interests of the charity

- 1.1 You must act in a manner consistent with the charity's purpose
- 1.2 You must act with care and diligence
- 1.3 You must manage any conflict of interest between the charity and any person or organisation who appoints charity trustees



**REMEMBER!**

Charity trustees have **collective responsibility** and are **accountable** for all that happens in the charity, even if certain aspects are delegated to staff

# Top 10 safeguarding steps



DFID Safeguarding Unit

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## DFID Safeguarding Unit

Resource and Support Hub (RSH): supporting organisations in the international aid sector to safeguard against sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment (SEAH)



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# Background

5 March  
2018

- UK Safeguarding Summit

18 October  
2018

- Summit “Putting People First: Tackling Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment in the Aid Sector”



# Programme information

RSH includes three key components or 'pillars' of work:

- Pillar 1: Providing a 'one-stop shop' for guidance and training on safeguarding against SEAH
  - Providing a 'one-stop shop' for guidance and support;
  - A 'Marketplace' function for organisations to share and pool resources and best practice;
  - A shared learning and information **platform for both traditional and emerging approaches to safeguarding against SEAH** to improve understanding of safeguarding across the sector;
  - Regionally contextualised, targeted tools and guidance.

# Programme information

## ➤ Pillar 2: Facilitating access to support services and specialists

- Information about specialists;
- Support for organisations to adhere to agreed international standards on SEAH through tailored guidance and referral mechanisms;
- **A mapping/navigation system** which recognises organisations' varying sophistication in existing SEAH safeguarding practices;

# Programme information

## ➤ Pillar 3: Building evidence and facilitating innovation for best practice

- A 'first-stop shop' for research and evidence;
- Identifying evidence gaps and commissioning/supporting research;
- Facilitating a global debate on SEAH;
- Build contextual knowledge on safeguarding against SEAH;
- Service user engagement function to enable feedback.

# Questions

- What are the **types of safeguarding support and resources** you would most like to see available on the RSH?
- How could the RSH ensure **maximum global reach** to smaller and southern NGOs, including in fragile and conflict settings?



# Question Time!

Be sensitive to confidential examples or questions.

