

Handout 6: Safeguarding Case Studies

Safeguarding Case Study 1 (GSL or DC)

You have been contacted by parents of a Scout who are unhappy about the Twitter account of the Assistant Scout Leader. They say that they have seen posts that are inappropriate and they are aware that several young people follow the ASL.

As a group, discuss:

- What immediate action you should take?
- How might this impact local scouting? (For example, what support might be needed? Who might be involved?)
- What are the wider effects that the situation may have? (In other words will/could there be consequences? This may include both adults and young people.)

Produce a brief summary covering the impact and consequences for the scenario.

Safeguarding Case Study 2 (DC)

You have received a concern from a GSL about the behaviour of a young person in the Cub Section. The Cub has threatened other Cubs on several occasions. The GSL has received a number of complaints from parents who want the Cub removed from the section. The GSL has presented you with these complaints and wants you to help, as only a DC can approve the suspension of a young person.

As a group, discuss:

- What immediate action you should take? Focus on the actions that you would take prior to any decisions about suspension of a young person.
- How might this impact local Scouting? (For example, what support might be needed? Who might be involved?)
- What are the wider effects that the situation may have? (In other words will/could there be consequences? This may include both adults and young people.)

Produce a brief summary covering the impact and consequences for the scenario.

Safeguarding Case Study 3 (DC)

UKHQ contact you because the police have informed them of a Leader who has accepted a caution (which is a formal warning given by the police to an adult offender aged 18 years or over and who has admitted that they are guilty of an offence). You have contacted the GSL and they already know about it and hadn't reported it as they didn't think it was relevant.

As a group, discuss:

- What immediate action you should take?
- How might this impact local Scouting? (For example, what support might be needed? Who might be involved?)
- What are the wider effects that the situation may have? (In other words will/could there be consequences? This may include both adults and young people.)

Produce a brief summary covering the impact and consequences for the scenario

Safeguarding Case Study 4 (DC)

Your local campsite manager has reported concerns to you about the behaviour of a 28 year old Explorer Scout Leader. Campsite staff were concerned that when the unit were on site, the leader seemed to be overly friendly with the Explorer Scouts, taking part in activities and treating the young people like they were her friends, engaging in banter and play fighting and they think that the leaders were drinking in front of the Explorer Scouts.

As a group, discuss:

- What immediate action you should take?
- How might this impact local scouting? (For example, what support might be needed? Who might be involved?)
- What are the wider effects that the situation may have? (In other words will/could there be consequences? This may include both adults and young people.)

Produce a brief summary covering the impact and consequences for the scenario