

Annex 2. Legal framework underpinning WRAP's Safeguarding Policy

1. International instruments

- **United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**, a legally binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities
- **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. (CEDAW)**
Countries that have ratified or acceded CEDAW are legally bound to put its provisions into practice, and thereby agree to submit national reports on measures taken to comply with its obligations.
- **The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is an international human rights treaty of the United Nations intended to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

2. Legislation and Guidance England

- Children Act 1989, 2004, and Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006,
- The Care Act 2014
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Charities Act 2011 and 2016
- Charity Commission Guidance 2019
- Care and Support statutory guidance 2018
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2019

3. Legislation and Guidance Wales

- Children Act 1989
- The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 came into force in April 2016. It provides the legal framework for social service provision in Wales.
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- [Working together to safeguard people guidance 2017](#)
- Charities Act 2011 and 2016
- Charity Commission Guidance 2019

4. Legislation and Guidance Scotland

- The Children (Scotland) Act 1995
- Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Act, 2014
- Sexual Offences Act (Scotland) 2009
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
- Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007
- National guidance for child protection in Scotland (Scottish Government, 2014).
- Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

5. Legislation and Guidance Northern Ireland

- The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995
- Safeguarding Board Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.
- Co-operating to Safeguard Children and young people in Northern Ireland (Department of Health, 2017)
- Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008
- Adult Safeguarding Operational Procedures Adults at Risk of Harm and Adults in Need of Protection 2016