

**WORCESTERSHIRE
COUNCIL FOR
VOLUNTARY YOUTH
SERVICES**

**WCVYS CAN
OFFER YOUR
ORGANISATION:**

- **Enhanced CRB Disclosure Service**
- **Safeguarding Advice**
- **Training**
- **Child Protection Policy Guidance**

WCVYS has produced a Guidance Booklet for the Voluntary and Community Sectors - 'Safeguarding Children and Young People'. Contact the office if you would like copies for your organisation. It can also be downloaded at www.wcvys.co.uk/safeguarding

Contact Person with WCVYS

If you are no longer the contact person for CRBs within your organisation, please let us know so that we can get a new CRB Contract between your organisation and WCVYS signed.

CRiB Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter for organisations who have contracts for CRBs with WCVYS.

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Welcome to this the third edition of a quarterly newsletter WCVYS produces for groups and organisations who have contracts for CRBs with us. Please let us know if there is any particular information you would find helpful.

SAFEGUARDING – Key Changes

All groups need to be aware of key changes which come into place from 12 October. WCVYS has been giving information about the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) and these are the first stages of the new processes which will come in over the next few years.

From 1 October 2009:

- Standard CRB Disclosures are not available for those who work with children
- The current barred lists will be replaced by two ISA lists one for children and one for vulnerable adults
- Employers, included voluntary committees, will have a duty to refer any information about individuals who may pose a risk to children, young people and the vulnerable to the ISA.
- There will be criminal penalties introduced for individuals who try to work with vulnerable groups and for those who knowingly take them on.

For more information go to: www.isa-gov.org.uk or ring the Contact Centre on 0300 112 3111. Give WCVYS a ring if you want to talk over something.

Safeguarding Cards

Included with this newsletter are some copies of a Safeguarding Card which WCVYS has produced. Because incidents or disclosures, thankfully, do not happen very often workers are sometimes uncertain about what to do or who to contact. The card is designed to fit into a handbag or brief case so as to be at hand when needed.

If you would like more copies of the card for volunteers, workers or management committee members please get in touch with Jo Banfield.

Designated Person for Safeguarding

This is an important role both for the welfare of children and young people and to protect your group or organisation. Their role is to be responsible for safeguarding in the group. Among their responsibilities are:

- to ensure that safeguarding procedures are known and understood
- to receive information from workers, volunteers, children and young people, parents and carers about child protection issues
- to refer child protection concerns to WCSB

You can find more information about this role in the WCVYS Guidance Document on Safeguarding.

Successful CRB Applications

CRB Online Tracking Service

You or the individual applicant may track the progress of a CRB Application, once it has arrived at CRB in Liverpool. You will need the Form Reference Number eg F0004341234 and the date of birth of the applicant.

Go to <https://secure.crbonline.gov.uk/enquiry/enquirySearch.do>

Good Practice in Safeguarding

It is important that your group or organisation operates in a way which makes it as safe as possible for all the children, young people and adults that take part in its activities.

A series of workshops have been arranged so that you can find about what your group needs to do to ensure you are following recommended good practice. This includes developing appropriate policies and procedures. Each workshop will include an input and space for discussions with colleagues to share concerns and an opportunity for you to develop an action plan for your group.

You may come to just one workshop or all of them. There is no charge for the workshops.

Health and Safety and Risk Assessment - Wednesday 4 November

Recruiting Staff and Volunteers - Wednesday 25 November

Supporting Workers, including volunteers, including the Management of Allegations -
Wednesday 16 December

All sessions take place from 10.00am. – 11.30am. at 39 Ledwych Road Droitwich

If you are not able to make daytime meetings we will try to arrange evening sessions.

Please get in touch as well if you would like to book into a session or would like more information.

Contact Cathy Clement on 01905 795098 or email office@wcvys.co.uk

Whistleblower's Hotline

Whistleblowing is when someone involved in a group or organisation raises concerns about practices and procedures. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so Ofsted has set up a 'hotline' for circumstances when you believe children and young people are affected or at risk.

The hotline can be contacted in three ways:

- Call 08456 404046 (Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm).
- Email: whistleblowing@ofsted.gov.uk
- Write to: WBHL, Ofsted, Royal Exchange Buildings, St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7LA.

Before contacting the 'hotline' you should try to resolve the issue:

- If you can, talk to the leader or the chair of your group or organisation.
- You may contact WCVYS if you would like support or to talk over the issue.

Remember if you have a concern about a particular child or young person you should use your group's child protection procedures.



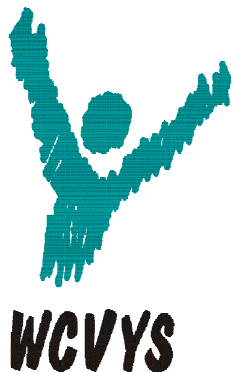
WCVYS CRB Fees are currently:

	Enhanced CRB Fee	WCVYS Admin Fee
Member Organisations in the VCS working with children and young people	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	first 5 per year no fee, thereafter £6 each
Organisations not in WCVYS Membership VCS Groups	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	£15 £15
Commercial Organisations	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	£30 £30

Useful Websites:

www.wcvys.co.uk
www.worcestershiresafeguarding.org.uk

www.crb.gov.uk
www.isa.gov.org.uk



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