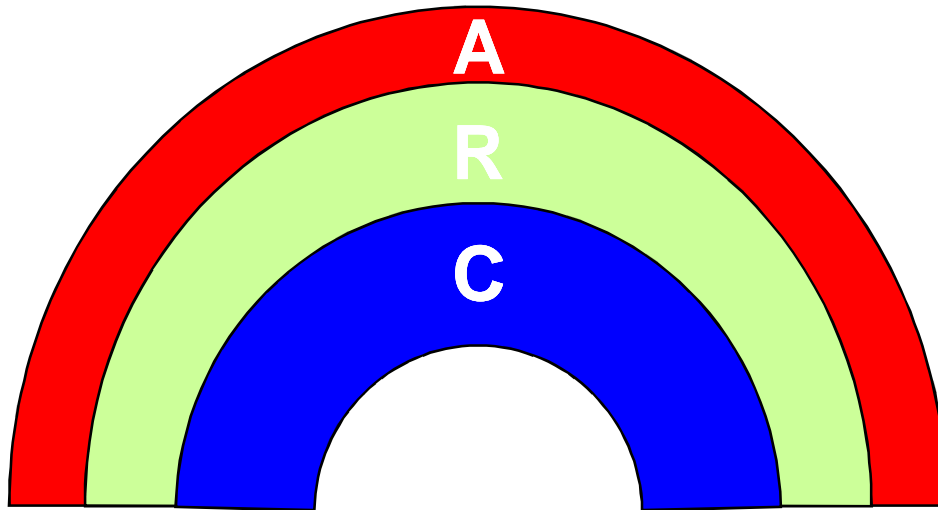


SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN



Awareness

- A shared and better developed understanding across all agencies of the signs, risks and symptoms of child abuse (in its varied forms).
- A shared and better understanding of the specific roles and responsibilities of each agency and their staff – along with explicit acceptance of these.
- Standards agreed and in place to measure and break performance.
- Learning and development opportunities available, accessible and publicised linked to assessed need.

Recording

- Clear recognition of the crucial importance of timely and accurate recording – an explicit standard for ALL, including of supervision notes
- Chronological information and family/agency connections logged as a requirement.
- Purpose, process and outcome accepted as integral to the recording task; including tracking of concerns.
- Line management and off-line 'sampling' of records to ensure compliance

Communication

- ▶ Regular, recorded line management professional supervision
- ▶ Clear acceptance, understanding and acknowledgement (publicly and within each agency) that sharing information between agencies underpins safe practice for children.
- ▶ Direct communication & contact with children & young people
- ▶ Systems in place to ensure appropriate sharing of information.
- ▶ Tracking of information flow between and within agencies.
- ▶ Required meetings well attended and notes circulated to all with clear action points.