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## What is safeguarding and why does it matter.

The law and government guidance says that safeguarding means

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.

and

**“Child protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare... to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm.”** (1.18 HM Government 2006)

## Prevalence

- Almost one third of children experience some form of bullying by their peers.
- 7 per cent of children suffer serious physical abuse at the hands of their parents and carers.
- 52 per cent of one-year-olds are hit weekly, or more frequently, by their parents.
- 25 per cent of all rape victims are under 16 years old.
- 11 per cent of children aged under 16 experienced penetrative sex, oral sex or attempts at these, against their will, by people known but unrelated to them.
- Seven children under the age of 16 are murdered by strangers each year. This number has stayed the same over the past 20 years.
- Each week at least one child dies from cruelty.
- Almost two thirds of children killed at the hands of another person in England and Wales is under the age of five.
- Deaf and disabled children are more than three times more likely to be abused or neglected than non-disabled children.

## **Having safeguards in place:**

- protects children and young people from harm and abuse
- enables staff and volunteers to know what to do if they are worried
- shows that your group is responsible and has pride in its work.

## **You may also want to develop safeguards because you:**

- have been told that you need a child protection policy and procedures in order to get funding or public liability insurance
- are applying for charitable status, and the Charity Commission has asked if you have a child protection policy
- suspect, or have experienced, an incident of abuse, and want to make sure it doesn't happen again
- have read or seen news about a case of child abuse
- simply want to ensure your group is as safe as possible for children.

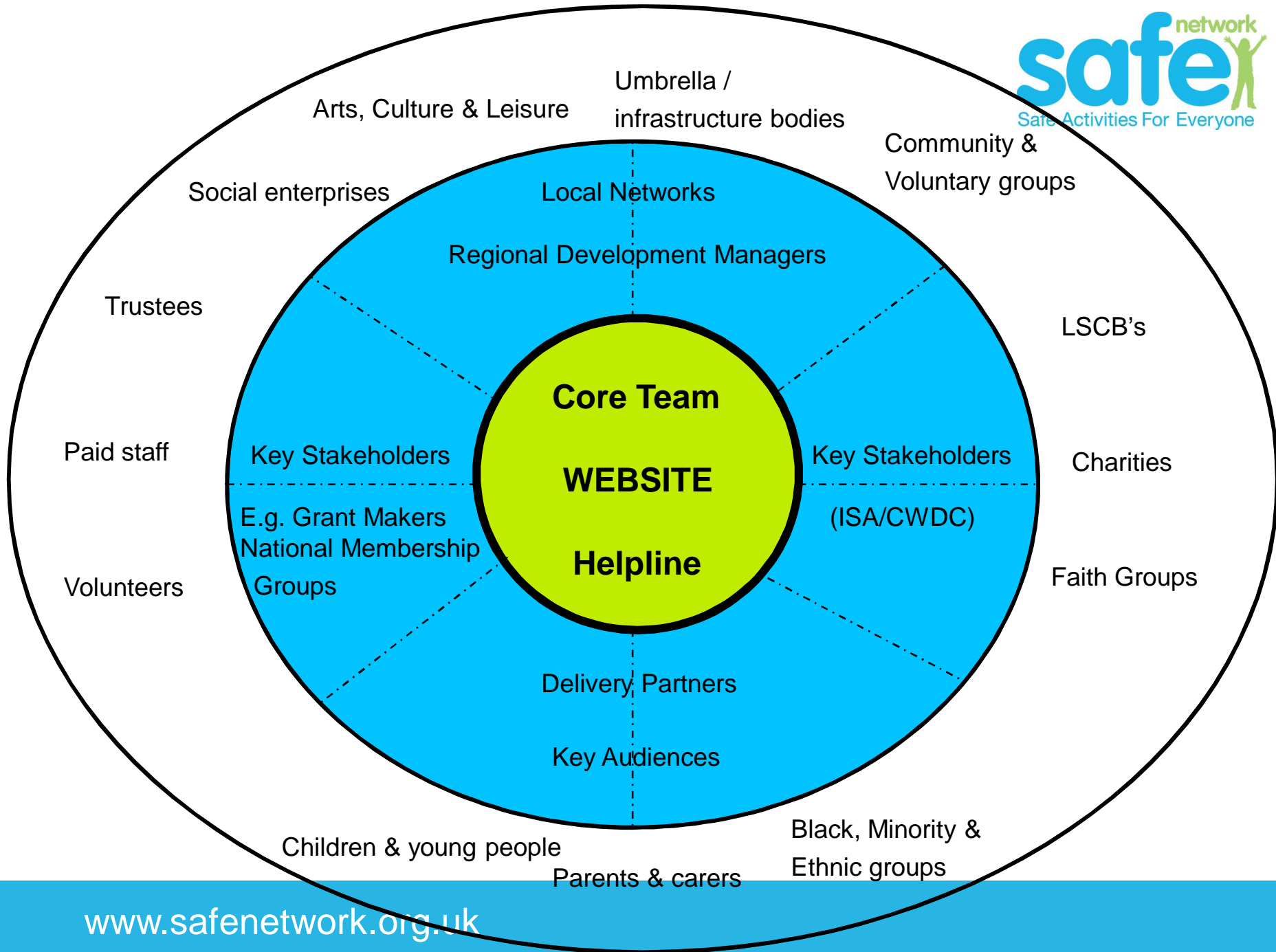
## Vetting and Barring Scheme

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 introduces a single list for those barred from working with children and a single list for those barred from working with vulnerable adults.

From these lists, a panel of experts (the Independent Safeguarding Authority) will make barring decisions. There will be a 'monitoring' system which will constantly update information on an individual once they have entered the system, and parents will be able to perform online checks for home tutors and music teachers working in their home.

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## *A Model of Engagement*





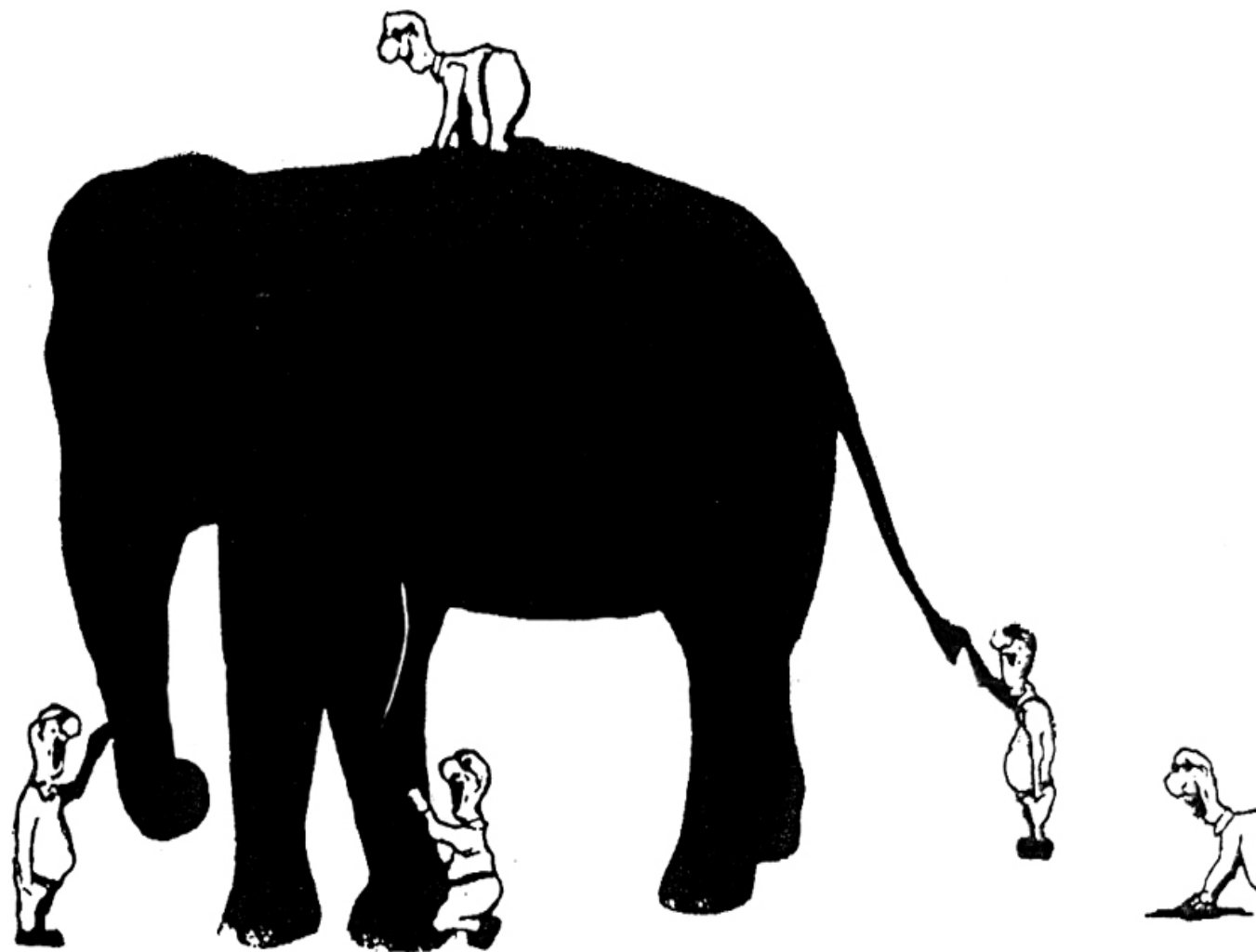
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- Safeguarding policies and procedures
- Raising awareness
- Safer recruitment
- Anti-bullying policies
- Reducing avoidable accidents
- Information for parents

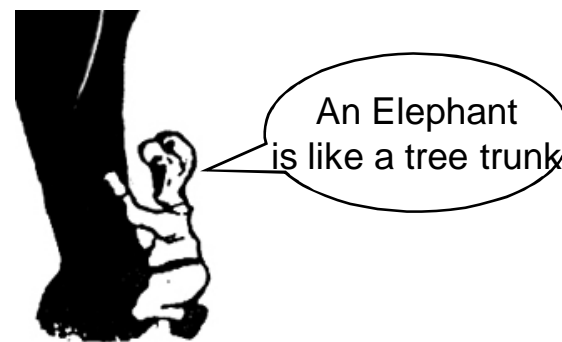
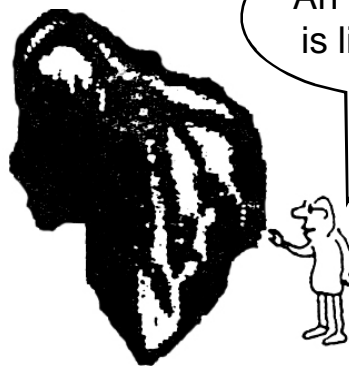
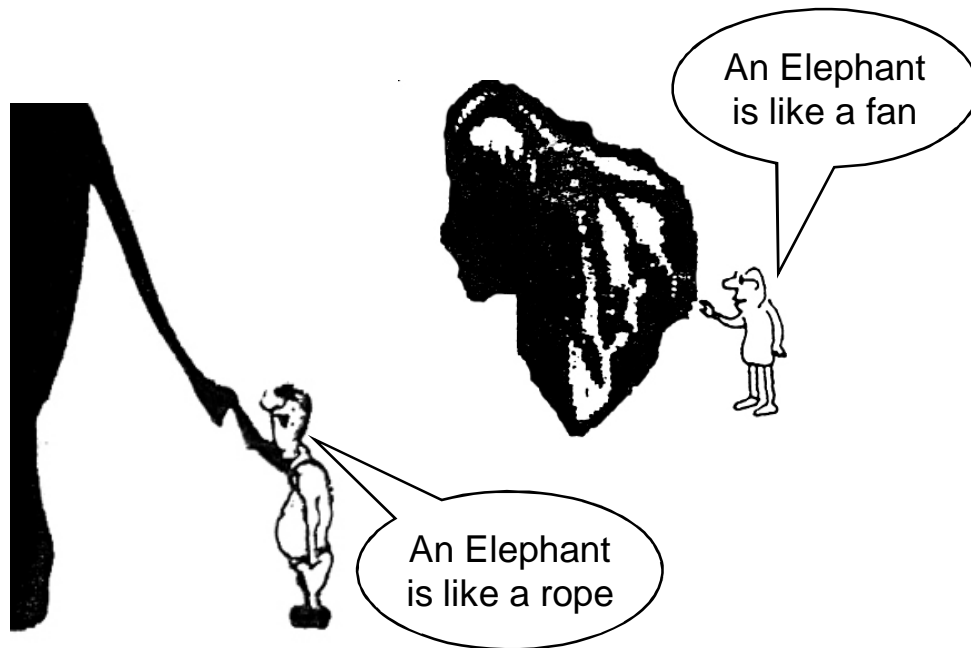
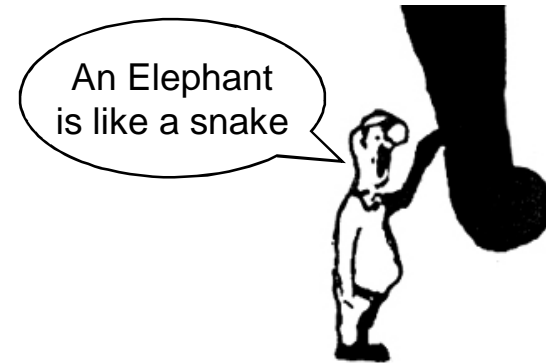
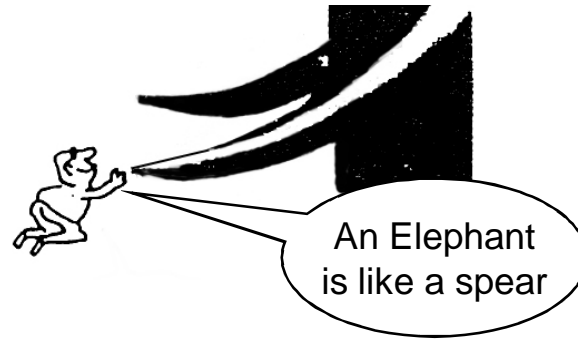
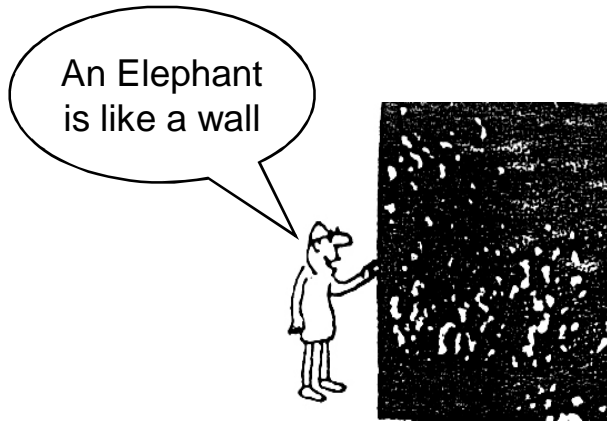
- Information
- Standards
- Training materials

- Addressing diversity
- Reaching disadvantaged groups
- Being a voice for the sector
- Integrated working





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