10 actions trustee boards need to take to ensure good safeguarding governance

Safeguarding should be a key governance priority for all charities

Ensure your charity has an adequate safeguarding policy, code of conduct and any other safeguarding procedures. Regularly review and update the policy and procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose

Identify possible risks, including risks to your beneficiaries or to anyone else connected to your charity and any emerging risks on the horizon

Consider
how to improve
the safeguarding
culture within
your charity

Ensure that
everyone involved
with the charity knows I
how to recognise,
respond to, report and
record a safeguarding
concern

Ensure people know how to raise a safeguarding concern

Regularly
evaluate any
safeguarding training
provided, ensuring it
is current and
relevant

Review which posts within the charity can and must have a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service

Have a risk
assessment process in
place for posts which
do not qualify for a DBS I
check, but which still
have contact with
children or adults
at risk

Periodically review your safeguarding policy and procedures, learning from any serious incident or 'near miss'

If you work overseas, find out what different checks and due diligence you need to carry out in different geographical areas of operation

