

7 GOLDEN RULES



DATA PROTECTION ISN'T A BARRIER TO SAFEGUARDING

The UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 allow lawful data sharing to protect children. Fear of breaching confidentiality should never delay action.



BE OPEN AND HONEST

Where appropriate, inform families about what information will be shared, with whom, and why, unless doing so places a child at risk.



SEEK CONSENT WHERE APPROPRIATE, BUT DO NOT DELAY

Consent is not required when there is a safeguarding risk, and practitioners should act promptly.



BE CLEAR ON PURPOSE

Only share information that is necessary and relevant for safeguarding purposes.



ENSURE ACCURACY AND CLARITY

Data should be factual, accurate, and distinguish between opinions and evidence.



SHARE SECURELY AND RESPONSIBLY

Share information only with those who need it and follow legal and organisational security protocols.



KEEP A RECORD

Document what information was shared, with whom, why it was shared, and any decisions made.