

Ethics and safeguarding handout

Dealing with disclosures of violence

- What is a referral?
- We MUST make referrals for:
 - anyone who has an intellectual impairment
 - children under 18
 - If they, their caregiver or anyone else reports sexual or other severe violence
- For children over 18 or for less severe violence, we can offer optional referrals
- Sandhya is responsible for follow-up with each referred person

Actions to take after disclosure

- Decide on whether the referral is mandatory or optional
 - Mandatory: must tell Sandhya
 - Optional: all people with an intellectual disability will be offered counseling/support if they would like, offer option to share their case/details with Sandhya
- For all referrals (optional and mandatory), ask the person what they want to happen next and the best way to get in contact with them
- Do NOT:
 - Share disclosure with others beside campaign team, key WaterAid Nepal staff without consent of interviewee
 - Promise specific services/interventions: WaterAid Nepal will decide on what follow-up is necessary