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Dear Colleague

Referrals to the Care Council for Wales and the Independent Safeguarding Authority

The launch of the Independent Safeguarding Authority and its Vetting and Barring Scheme on 12 October 2009 introduced a duty to refer individuals to ISA for both the Care Council and for employers.

Following the introduction of this duty, we would just like to remind you that in terms of your workers who are registered with the Care Council, as well as referring them to ISA, **you must continue to refer any who are the subject of disciplinary proceedings to the Care Council.** It is essential that you do this as their actions may have more affect on their registration status with the Care Council than with their status on the Vetting and Barring Scheme. This is due to the fact that the Care Council is able to not only prevent anyone from working in the sector by removing them from the Register, but is also able to administer less serious penalties for activities that do not necessarily require someone to be prevented from working. The Care Council is also able to suspend an individual from working whilst investigation into their conduct is undertaken.

We would appreciate if you could forward this letter to any relevant members of your staff who are responsible for referring registered social care workers in your employment to the Care Council. Any referrals should be made to the Investigations Team: conduct@ccwales.org.uk or 0845 0700 248.

Should you have a query in relation to any of the above, please contact me on 029 2078 0672 or gerry.evans@ccwales.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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