

Forum user policy

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to help create an atmosphere in which freedom of speech is balanced by self-discipline and a mature attitude to discussion. We encourage people to join these discussions and would very much like everyone to keep to the framework of professionalism. For this reason, we have compiled a Guidance section of useful tips for those who are new to the etiquette of online discussion. By virtue of your participation in this discussion, you are deemed to have agreed to abide by the rules. We reserve the right to remove items submitted from anyone who ignores these rules.

1. Personal Identification

All users are required to register their name and preferably their organisation when they are posting a discussion on the forum. No registration is necessary. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

2. Use of Language

Messages should not be malicious or designed to offend. In particular, the use of swear-words or undue profanity is discouraged. By participating in any discussion, you undertake to indemnify us and our employees and subcontractors against any liability arising from any obscene, defamatory, seditious, blasphemous or other actionable statement published by you on this site and against all damages, losses, claims and costs (including, without limitation, fines and expenses arising out of or incurred in conducting or defending any proceedings) arising from any such actionable statements.

3. Conduct of Discussion

Your message should be within the scope of the subject under discussion. If you make a contribution that is inappropriate to the subject under discussion, you may be directed by the site administrator not to raise the matter further or to raise it within a separate discussion group. Reference should not be made to the personality of other participants in a discussion nor should attacks be made on an individual's character unless the person concerned has already chosen to bring his or her personality into the issue under discussion. One to one arguments, disagreements and disputes of a personal nature must not be conducted on the All Wales forum. You should remember that you are legally responsible for what you write. By participating in a discussion, you undertake to indemnify us and our employees and subcontractors against any liability arising from any breach of confidentiality, copyright or other intellectual property right published by you on this site and against all damages, losses, claims and costs (including, without limitation, all expenses incurred in conducting or defending any proceedings) arising from any such publication. You must not make statements that are libellous, obscene, seek to incite racial or religious hatred or otherwise break the laws of the United Kingdom.

4. Private Email

If a person has sent you a private Email you may not forward it to a public discussion group without the prior consent of the person who sent it.

5. Advertising and Research

No advertising is allowed except where it is for an event, publication or similar items that has direct relevance to the subject of discussion. Information about locating and sharing knowledge and expertise is welcomed, but within the specific discussion category provided.

6. Complaints about a Breach of these Rules

We take the breach of the Acceptable Use Policy very seriously. Complaints about a breach of these Rules should ONLY be made by private Email to the site administrator andrew.bell@allwalesunit.gov.uk. The Discussion Administrator will take timely and appropriate action with regard to the complaint.

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