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Visit Leader Check List

This list is designed as a final check on visit planning. The relevance of the bullet points and the complexity of the responses are dependent on the nature of the particular visit. For each of the points, further information about good practice can be found elsewhere in this guidance.

- The benefits and risks of all aspects of the visit have been considered and the visit plan has an appropriate balance and an acceptable level of residual risk.
- The visit plan has involved leaders and helpers before the visit and they are clear about what they are expected to do in order to manage the risks.

Content and Aims

- There are clear and well-considered aims that are particular to the learning and development of the group as a whole and individuals within it, which contribute to the wider curriculum or ethos of the establishment.
- Evaluation and visit review arrangements are in place.

The process has led to a visit plan addressing the following variables:

Staffing

- I am clearly identified as the Visit Leader and approved by the establishment.
- All members of the Visit Leadership Team are sufficiently confident and competent to fulfil their designated role.
- There are sufficient leaders to ensure effective supervision and deal with incidents and emergencies.
- All members of the Visit Leadership Team have received all relevant information on both the visit and the group.
- If accompanying leaders are taking a family member on the visit, there are arrangements to ensure that this will not compromise group management.
- I have kept my EVC informed during the planning process.

Activities

- Activities are appropriate to the aims of the visit and the nature of the participants.
- Appropriately competent activity leaders are in the Visit Leadership Team or a suitable Provider has been contracted to lead activities.
- There is a sufficient amount of suitable equipment for activities.

Group

- Up to date contact details, medical information, dietary requirements and information about special needs are available and shared appropriately with the Visit Leadership Team and any relevant provider staff.
- Information has been provided to parents and young people to enable informed consent (where consent is required).
- Participants have been provided with information about what to do and what is expected of them, and, where appropriate, have been involved in the planning and risk benefit assessment process.
- Safeguarding issues are addressed.
- Inclusion issues are addressed.

Environment

- Environmental factors (weather, daylight hours, temperature, water levels etc) have been considered.
- Accessibility issues are addressed.
- Safety and security have been checked and considered.
- I have undertaken a preliminary visit if appropriate or required by establishment policy. In the absence of a preliminary visit. I have sufficient information from other sources.
- There is access to first aid at an appropriate level.
- Where remote supervision will be used, the environment is suitable.
- Accommodation, where used, is safe, suitable and appropriate.
- Travel or transport arrangements are appropriate.
- There is a Plan B/alternative options in place, where necessary.
- There is an emergency plan in place and leaders, helpers, participants, providers and emergency contacts have been given relevant information about it.
- Suitable insurance is in place (and required documents if visiting overseas).

Finally

- The visit meets all relevant requirements of my employer and establishment policy/procedure.
- My decision is that this visit is appropriately prepared and should take place.

