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Dear Tanya Turner,

Thank you for your application for a Body of Persons Approval under section 37(3) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 for Girlguiding Cymru.

I am pleased to attach a Body of Persons Approval for Girlguiding Cymru as detailed in your application dated 24 April 2023 for the period between 14 June 2023 and 13 June 2025.

The BoPA covers:

- Girlguiding Cymru gang shows, pantomimes, and amateur productions in Wales

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the scope of the exemption from the need to obtain individual licences for children, which this approval gives to your organisation.

The approval is given where no payment is made to a child or someone else on behalf of the child (other than in respect of expenses). A licence would need to be obtained for any child if they are being paid to participate in any performance between 14 June 2023 and 13 June 2025.

This BoPA, which is issued for productions for Girlguiding Cymru in Wales, is subject to the following conditions:

- The requirements in Parts 3, 4 & 5 of The Children (Performances and Activities)(Wales) Regulations 2015 and associated guidance (Keeping Young Performers Safe 2015) are followed;
- A Girlguiding Cymru recognised volunteer is responsible for organising and overseeing individual performances and a volunteer line manager must ensure that the planning is in accordance with Girlguiding UK policies and procedures and complies with the terms and conditions of this BoPAs;

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

- Girlguiding Cymru are responsible for informing local authorities and must work closely with the relevant local authority when organising any Gangshows, pantomimes, and other amateur productions. The production location and arrangements must follow local authority advice and guidelines;
- Girlguiding Cymru retains responsibility for the children in their care during any production/performance. It is Girlguiding Cymru's responsibility to safeguard the children from harm and abuse and to be fully aware of the safeguarding procedures to take.

A BoPA removes the need to apply for an individual licence for each child; it is granted to the organisation that is responsible for the performance. It is the organisation which is approved not the children.

A BoPA is not transferable to another organisation or to individual children taking part in a performance arranged by someone else. A BoPA cannot be issued in respect of paid sports or modelling. The approval does not apply to performances put on by other organisations in which the children may potentially take part. The organisation arranging that performance would be expected to obtain the necessary performance licence from the relevant authority.

A BoPA is not a 'group licence' nor is it an exemption under the 4-day rule. The approval does not authorise absence from school for any of the children involved in the performances. Should any children taking part be required to be absent from school then only the head teacher of the school in question is able to authorise the absence, and a licence for the performance which can be obtained from the individual local authority would be required.

This approval is given on the premise that the required numbers of licensed chaperones are present, and that effective safeguarding arrangements are in place on each occasion.

I would like to draw your attention to the published [guidance](#) by the Welsh Government in support of The Children (Performances and Activities) (Wales) Regulations 2015, which sets out the arrangements for child performance in Wales and the need for Girlguiding Cymru to follow them.

It is the responsibility of Girlguiding Cymru to ensure that an application for a renewal to this BoPA is made in good time ahead of its expiry in 2025.

I wish you, and all of the children involved, my very best wishes for the two years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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