



Safeguarding Policy

Purpose: This policy and its associated procedures exist to enable Kids Matter to promote good practice and work in a way that can prevent harm and abuse occurring and ensure that any allegations of abuse or suspicions are dealt with appropriately and the person experiencing abuse is supported.

Key terms:

- **Adults at risk:** Individuals aged over 18 who have needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs); experiences, or is at risk of experiencing, abuse and neglect; as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect (as defined by the **Care Act 2014**).

Outline:

1. **Safeguarding aims**
2. **Safeguarding implementation**

1. Safeguarding aims

It is acknowledged that significant numbers of adults at risk are abused, and it is important that Kids Matter has a safeguarding policy for adults, a set of procedures to follow and puts in place preventative measures to try and reduce those numbers.

To implement the policy and procedures, Kids Matter will work to:

- Stop abuse or neglect wherever possible
- Prevent harm and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and support needs
- Promote the wellbeing of the adult(s) at risk in safeguarding adult arrangements
- Safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control regarding how they want to live
- Promote an approach that concentrates on improving life for the adults concerned
- Raise awareness of safeguarding adults to ensure that everyone can play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect
- Provide information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe, and what to do to raise a concern about the safety or wellbeing of an adult
- Address what caused the abuse or neglect

2. Safeguarding implementation

Kids Matter will:

- Ensure that all managers, staff, volunteers and facilitators are familiar with this policy and its associated procedures
- Work with other agencies, issued under the Care Act 2014 statutory guidance
- Act within its Confidentiality Policy and will gain permission from facilitators before sharing information about them with another agency
- Pass information to the Local Authority when more than one person is at risk e.g. if the concern relates to a worker, volunteer or organisation who provides a service to adults with care and support needs or children
- Inform facilitators that where a person is in danger, a child is at risk or a crime has been committed, then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the service user's consent
- Make a safeguarding adults referral to the Local Authority as appropriate
- Endeavour to stay updated with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of adults
- Ensure that the Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager (DASM) understands their responsibility to refer incidents of adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies (e.g. Police or Local Authority)

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The Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager and Deputy should be contacted for support and advice on implementing this policy and associated procedures.

Please contact the Safeguarding Lead if you have any queries about this policy.

It is the responsibility of the Safeguarding Lead and wider team to ensure this policy is implemented.

To ensure this policy is effective and stays up to date, the Head of Operations/Safeguarding Lead is expected to review the policy at least once per year.