



HYACT Safeguarding Statement

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

HARBOROUGH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY TRUST:

The following statement was agreed by the Board of Trustees on 16th November 2023.

- HYACT is committed to the safeguarding of children and young people, and adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent harm or abuse to children and young people, and adults with care and support needs in all their recognised forms.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults, young people and children and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and young people, and adults with care and support needs.
- We believe every child, young person and adult should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that all those we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and will ensure that as a charity all workers will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of all relevant legislation including, but not limited to; Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and referring concerns about adults with care and support needs to the local authority under the Care Act 2014. (Please amend this list for appropriate legislation in N. Ireland and Scotland)
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by HYACT.
- Supporting all those affected by abuse.



We recognise:

- Children’s Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or young person or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as the lead and deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers for HYACT.

CERIANN KELLY

Designated Safeguarding Officer (Lead)

MELISSA WATSON _____ Designated Safeguarding Officer (Deputy)

A copy of HYACT’s Safeguarding policy can be found on The CUBE website www.thecubeyouth.uk

Signed by Lead Trustee for Safeguarding

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____