

## Safeguarding Policy

Harbour & Solace is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Sharon O'Connor is a qualified counsellor and works in accordance with:

- The Children Act 1989 & 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (UK)
- Professional ethical frameworks (NCPS/BACP)

## Confidentiality & Safeguarding

Confidentiality is respected at all times unless:

- A child or vulnerable person is at risk of harm
- There is risk of serious harm to others
- A legal obligation requires disclosure

Where possible, concerns will be discussed with the individual before information is shared.

## Reporting Concerns

Concerns will be reported to the appropriate safeguarding authority or designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

Emergency services will be contacted if immediate risk is identified.