

RUTH FIDLER, EDUCATION CONSULTANT

Supporting complex presentations of autism, promoting emotional well being and improving engagement with learning

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to protect children and young people (CYP) who receive services from Ruth Fidler or Autism Associates and applies to anyone working on their behalf. The policy has been written up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children and young people in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from nspcc.org.uk/childprotection.

This policy should be read alongside other policies on code of conduct, privacy and complaints.

We believe that CYP should never experience abuse of any kind and that professionals supporting them have a responsibility to promote their welfare and wellbeing, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them. Working in partnership with CYP, their parents/carers and other agencies is at the heart of our collaborative principles. All CYP, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all forms of harm or abuse.

Some CYP are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of support needs, their communication and interaction style or their autism profiles. We will make every endeavour to listen to, and facilitate participation in decisions for all CYP who are supported by our services.

Any safeguarding concerns that arise will be acted upon in line with the procedures of the commissioning body (typically a local authority or similar).

Up to date enhanced DBS certificates will be made available to commissioning bodies as required.

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