



Discoverability Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement: Nov 24

The purpose and scope of this policy statement:

All Activities are carried out with the safety of children a paramount importance.

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- To protect children and young people who receive discoverability services from harm. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
- To provide staff and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of discoverability including senior managers and the board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, agency staff and students.

We believe that:

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
- We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting them
- Appointing a nominated child protection lead for children and young people.
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all staff and volunteers know about and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently.
- Recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- Recording and storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance.
- Sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions.
- Making sure that children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern.
- Using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately.
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers Appropriately.
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise.
- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- building a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.
- All Staff are DBS checked

Contact

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 7th November 2024

Signed: Daniel Wescott

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NSPCC Helpline

www.nspcc.org.uk

Help for adults concerned about a child: 0808 800 5000

Help for children or young people, call Childline: 0800 1111

Brighton & Hove – Local Safeguarding Children’s Board

If you think a child is being harmed or may be at risk of harm, please contact the Front Door for Families on 01273 290400

LADO – Local Authority Designated Officer

Access Point - 01273 29 55 55

Call Front Door For Families on 01273 290400. If it is urgent then don’t delay, call 999 **STRAIGHT AWAY**