

Family Mental Fitness North East

Advisory Panel – Safeguarding Statement



Purpose

FMFNE is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. This statement outlines the responsibilities of Advisory Panel members in supporting our safeguarding culture.

1. Our Safeguarding Commitment

FMFNE will:

- Follow all relevant safeguarding laws, guidance, and best practice.
- Ensure that all staff, volunteers, and contractors are aware of and follow FMFNE's Safeguarding Policy.
- Maintain clear procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns.

2. Your Role as an Advisory Panel Member

Even if you are not directly working with service users, you agree to:

- Familiarise yourself with FMFNE's Safeguarding Policy.
- Promote a culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- Immediately share any safeguarding concerns you become aware of with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

3. Raising Concerns

The DSL for FMFNE is:

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If the DSL is unavailable and the concern is urgent, contact the relevant local authority safeguarding team.

The Newcastle Local Authority has a dedicated safeguarding team focused on protecting both children and adults. For children, the main contact is Children's Social Care, reachable at 0191 277 2500 during office hours (weekdays 8:45am to 5pm). For adults, Community Health and Social Care Direct can be contacted at 0191 278 8377, or the Emergency Duty Team at 0191 278 7878 out of hours. In immediate danger, the police should be contacted on 999.

4. If You Are Unsure

If you are unsure whether something is a safeguarding concern, you must still raise it. It is better to over-report than to risk leaving someone unsafe.

5. Declaration

I have read and understood FMFNE's Safeguarding Statement. I agree to follow its principles and to raise any safeguarding concerns in line with FMFNE's policy.

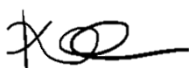
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