

Safeguarding Statement

Safer Places is committed to protecting and promoting the welfare of the adults, children and young people we work with and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Safeguarding is at the heart of Safer Places and to help drive this we employ a Designated Safeguarding Officer who together with the CEO takes a lead role for safeguarding across the organisation. We also appoint a Trustee lead for safeguarding to ensure safeguarding is given the wide scope needed and that responsibility is being taken at the highest level. That said, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and as such we ensure we employ experienced practitioners who focus on promoting a robust safeguarding culture.

When we recruit staff and volunteers we follow a rigorous safer recruitment process, including the disclosure of criminal records and vetting checks. All Safer Places employed staff and volunteers complete mandatory safeguarding adults and children training at induction with an annual refresher. Further safeguarding training is provided to all of our operational staff. We only recruit agency staff that have the required level of safeguarding training.

We are committed to providing a safe service for our clients and their children and for appropriate action to be taken when needed. We have a suite of safeguarding policies, procedures and practice guidance, accessible to all of our staff and volunteers, which promote safeguarding and safer working practices across our services.

Whilst Safer Places is concerned with preventing our clients and their children from coming to further harm our safeguarding duties more widely includes a duty to our staff, volunteers and all those who come into contact with our organisation.

We want the public to have confidence in the work we do for adult and child victims of domestic abuse. Ensuring safeguarding runs as a golden thread through all that we do is part of building that confidence with the public.

Do you have a safeguarding concern?

If you have a safeguarding concern about the welfare of a child or adult please contact your local council's social care department, which is available 24 hours a day. Contact details can be found on the relevant local council's website, you can visit www.gov.uk to find the relevant local council's website.

If your concern is urgent, call the police on 999

If you wish to contact us directly, visit our contact us page.