

Safeguarding Children is Everyone's responsibility

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Everyone has the right to be safe and protected from fear, violence and abuse. Children may be unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves from harm or exploitation.

Abuse can be a single act or it can continue over a long time and may take many different forms.

Who is a child?

A child is a person under 18 years of age

Examples of abuse

Physical abuse

- Injuring someone by hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking or restraining
- Misuse of medication
- Poisoning, drowning, suffocating and fabricated or induced illness

Sexual abuse

- Rape, sexual assault or pressuring someone into sexual acts they have not consented to, do not understand or feel powerless to refuse.
- grooming, sexual exploitation or activities that involve watching sexual acts whether or not the child is aware of what is happening.

Financial or material abuse

- Theft, fraud, misuse of property or possessions.

Emotional abuse

- Humiliation, blaming, controlling, coercion, intimidation, harassment, verbal abuse, or withdrawal of services or supportive networks.
- Verbal abuse is showing disrespect and verbally or publically humiliating someone.

Neglect

- Failure to meet someone's basic physical and/or emotional needs, for example not providing food, hydration, warmth or shelter resulting in impairment of their health and development.

- Poor professional practice, withholding medication or ignoring physical care needs
- For children, this may mean witnessing domestic abuse; missing hospital appointments and not protecting from danger.

Discrimination abuse

- Comments based on a person's race, gender, age religion or sexual orientation.

What to do now?

If you have concerns about a child's welfare, you can discuss these in confidence with our designated Safeguarding Person.

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The CSN Safeguarding Policy has been created because of the concerns of the Trustees that children should be properly cared for, guided and protected, and that members of the CSN should act responsibly in these matters.

All those involved with support work will be provided with a copy of the full policy and will be familiar with its contents.

The CSN Safeguarding Policy is available on request.

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