

Throw A Starfish

Trustees Safeguarding Statement



Approval Body	Trustee Board	Adopted:	10 th Nov. 2021
Responsible Person:	L Biggs	Review:	10 th Nov 2022
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The trustees recognise the importance of the charity's ministry with children and young people, and adults in need of protection, and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to its care.

The following statement was agreed by the trustees on:

This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being.

Specifically:

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We will provide a happy and safe environment where they are valued. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
- All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults at risk and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of the organisation, unless they pose a risk to the safety of those we serve.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children and adults at risk.

We are committed to:

- Following the requirements for UK legislation in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk and good practice recommendations.
- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Ensuring that all workers (member, volunteer or paid member of staff) are aware of the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.

- Following any organisational guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults in need of protection.
- Supporting the safeguarding co-ordinator/s in their work, and in any action they may need to take, in order to protect children/ adults at risk.
- Ensuring that all workers are exposed to these recommendations and the guidelines established by this organisation.
- Supporting parents and families.
- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding of children and young people.
- Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring and providing supervision to the relevant role holders.
- Providing appropriate support to all in the organisation affected by abuse.
- Adopting and following the 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards developed by Thirtyone:eight, formerly the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult at risk.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed, then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Where working outside of the UK, concerns will be reported to the appropriate agencies in the country in which we operate, and their procedures followed.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult at risk, then speak to the Mission Director or Chair of Trustees who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for this organisation.

We will review this statement and our policy and procedures annually.

Signed by the chair of trustees:

Date:

Review date: (twelve months, unless legislation requires action earlier)

Adapted from CCPAS Model Safeguarding Policy