# Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

# **Policy**

## **Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility:**

Safeguarding vulnerable adults is a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific vulnerable adults who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults and/or professionals or volunteers, everyone has a responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults and promote their welfare.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults – and in particular protecting them from significant harm - depends upon effective joint working between agencies and professionals that have different roles and expertise.

Some of the most vulnerable adults and those at greatest risk of social exclusion, will need coordinated help from health, education, social care, and quite possibly the voluntary sector and other agencies, including justice services.

For those vulnerable adults who are suffering, or at risk of suffering significant harm, joint working is essential, to safeguard and promote their welfare and – where necessary – to help bring to justice the perpetrators of crimes against them.

All agencies and professionals should:

- be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect;

- be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to vulnerable adults;

- share and help to analyse information so that an assessment can be made of the individual's needs and circumstances;

- contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the individual's welfare;

- take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the individual against specific plans; and

- work cooperatively with parents and/or other carers unless this is inconsistent with ensuring the individual's safety.

The charity takes seriously the welfare of all vulnerable adults who are involved in its activities.

The charity aims to ensure that they are welcomed into a safe, caring environment with a happy and friendly atmosphere.

The charity recognises that it is the responsibility of each one of its staff, paid and unpaid, to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

The charity recognises its responsibility to implement, maintain and regularly review procedures, which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse.

The charity is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with vulnerable adults and to providing supervision.

The charity is committed to maintaining good links with the statutory social services authorities.

# **Procedures**

For reasons of consistency and practicality, the charity's procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults will be the same as those for safeguarding children and young people (*qv*) except where the law, or the specific circumstances of an individual's need require otherwise.

Any concerns should be discuss with your nominated Safeguarding officer and any referrals should be made to:

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Support Hub (MASSH) is the single point of contact for the public and professionals to report concerns, request advice and share information about a child and or family.

0161 217 6028

Complete the on-line referral form here:

https://www.stockport.gov.uk/contacting-the-massh

What information will you need when making a referral? :

You will be asked to provide as much information as possible. Such as the child’s full name, date of birth, address, school, GP, languages spoken, any disabilities the child may have, details of the parents. Do not be concerned if you do not have all these details, you should still make the referral. The referral should be made as soon as possible, within 48hrs.

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