



## **Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk from abuse or neglect.**

This policy defines how Stainland and District Community Charity operates to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

There is a duty of care to ensure the protection and safety of everyone who enters the premises including children, young people and adults at risk involved as visitors and/or as participants in all activities and events and to safeguard and support our trustees, volunteers, and employees.

All reasonable action to protect adults at risk of abuse, exploitation, radicalisation and mistreatment will be taken.

Stainland and District Community Charity has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and recognises that under the Care Act 2014, it has a duty for the care and protection of adults who are at risk of abuse. It also recognises its responsibilities for the safety and care of children under the Children Act 1989 and 2004. The Charity is committed to promoting wellbeing, harm prevention and to respond effectively and in a timely manner when and if concerns are raised.

Trustees of the Charity are committed to the following principles:

- The welfare of the child, young person or adult at risk is paramount
- All children, young people and adults at risk have the right to protection from abuse
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be reported to the relevant internal and external authorities.

All trustees, volunteers and employees will familiarise themselves with safeguarding responsibilities, undertake awareness training on safeguarding issues including whistleblowing where it is available. No one within the Community Centre will have unsupervised access to children or adults at risk unless appropriately vetted and DBS checks will be completed.

The Trustee appointed to be responsible for child and adult at risk safeguarding matters, having responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the relevant safeguarding agency is Allison Deighton (Trustee).

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