



Children's Burns Trust Safeguarding Policy Statement

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees of the Children's Burns Trust

This charity is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults in need of protection, and to ensuring their well-being.

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children under 18 years of age.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, financial, discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults in need of protection.
- We believe that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable.
- We will report any abuse of children or adults in need of protection that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of children and adults in need of protection and will ensure that all of our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care, following safer recruitment principles, in the appointment and selection of all those who work with children and adults, be they volunteer or paid staff. All volunteers and staff working directly with children under the age of 18 have been through a DBS check.

We are committed to:

- Respecting the Rights of children as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Respecting the Rights of all as set out in The Human Rights Act 1989 and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Implementing the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults in need of protection.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Coordinator and Deputy in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children and adults in need of protection.



We recognise that:

- Children's Services has responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child.
- Adults Services has responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult in need of protection.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Local Authority Designated Officers have responsibility to deal with all allegations and concerns about people working with children and adults in need of protection whether they are interacting with them as paid or volunteer workers.