



Safeguarding Adults Policy Statement

Safeguarding adults means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. Safeguarding adults is about trying to make sure that adults at risk do not get harmed, and knowing what to do if anyone in the organisation is worried about an adult. Organisations should have safeguards in place that:

- Protect adults at risk from harm and abuse;
- Enable workers and volunteers to know what to do if they are worried; and
- Show that the organisation or service is responsible.

This policy will enable Dwellbeing Shieldfield Limited (known as Dwellbeing) to demonstrate its commitment to keeping safe adults at risk with whom it works alongside. Dwellbeing acknowledges its duty to act appropriately to any allegations, reports or suspicions of abuse.

It is important that this policy and procedure is in place so that everyone who works for the organisation in a voluntary or paid capacity, service users and carers can work to prevent abuse and know what to do should a concern arise.

The policy and procedures have been drawn up in order to enable Dwellbeing to:

- promote good practice and work in a way that can prevent harm and abuse occurring;
- ensure that any allegations of abuse or suspicions are dealt with appropriately and the person experiencing abuse is supported; and
- stop abuse occurring.

The policy and procedures relate to the safeguarding of **adults at risk**. Adults at risk are defined as individuals aged over 18 who:

- have needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and;
- is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

(Care Act, 2014)

The policy applies to all stewards, workers, volunteers, members, service users and carers and anyone working on behalf of Dwellbeing.

It is acknowledged that significant numbers of adults at risk are abused and it is important that Dwellbeing has a safeguarding adults policy, a set of procedures to follow and puts in place preventative measures to try and reduce those numbers.

In order to implement the policy and procedure Dwellbeing will work to:

- stop abuse or neglect wherever possible;
- prevent harm and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and support needs;
- promote the wellbeing of the adult(s) at risk in safeguarding adults arrangements;
- safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live;
- promote an approach that concentrates on improving life for the adults concerned;
- raise awareness of safeguarding adults to ensure that everyone can play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect;
- provide information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe and what to do to raise a concern about the safety or well-being of an adult; and
- address what caused the abuse or neglect.

Dwellbeing will:

- ensure that all Stewards, workers, volunteers, members, service users and carers are familiar with this policy and associated procedures;
- work with other agencies within the framework of the Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board Policy and Procedures, issued under Care Act 2014 statutory guidance;
- act within its confidentiality policy and will usually gain permission from service users before sharing information about them with another agency.
- pass information to the Local Authority when more than one person is at risk. For example: if the concern relates to a worker, member, volunteer or organisation who provides a service to adults with care and support needs or children;
- inform service users that where a person is in danger, a child is at risk or a crime has been committed then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the service user's consent;
- make a safeguarding adults referral to the Local Authority as appropriate;
- endeavour to keep up to date with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of adults;
- will ensure that the Designated Adult Safeguarding Person and the Deputy Designated Adult Safeguarding Person understands their responsibility to refer incidents of adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies (Police/Local Authority).

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The full policy and procedures are available on request

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