

**We recognise in our work with children, young people, and adults at risk, our responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.**

We commit to creating and maintaining a positive and beneficial culture, safeguarding all children and young people (all those under 18 years of age) and adults with care and support needs. We will ensure the wellbeing of all, eliminating any inappropriate coercion and control.

**Specifically:**

- We believe that children should be and feel cherished, safe, and happy.
- We will let children we contact know they can tell us if they are suffering harm.
- We will respect children and adults at risk, listen to them, and protect them from all forms of abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, spiritual).
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to prevent and to report suspected or discovered neglect and abuse suffered by children or adults at risk.
- We exercise diligent screening in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children, young people, and adults at risk.

**We are committed to:**

- Seeking justice for children, protecting and respecting their rights as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Following and keeping up to date with the requirements set out in UK legislation in relation to safeguarding children and adults, together with good practice recommendations.
- Ensuring that all staff and volunteers working on our behalf adhere to the procedures and guidelines in our Safeguarding Policy.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Coordinators in their roles, and in any action they may need to take.

**We recognise that:**

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

**This Safeguarding Statement is agreed by the Amor Europe Board of Trustees, and is reviewed annually, along with our Safeguarding Policy.**