

# Safeguarding Statement

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GOVERNANCE



**We recognise both the importance of our work with children, young people and adults in need of protection, and our responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.**

We commit to creating and maintaining a beneficial culture, the safeguarding children (aged under 18 years) 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.
- Children we contact will know they can tell us if they are suffering harm.
- We respect children and vulnerable adults, 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 or abuse suffered by children or adults with support needs.
- We exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children, young people and adults with care and support needs.

## Our commitments:

- 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 Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Co-ordinators 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 with care and support needs, then Adult Social Care (or the equivalent) has the lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse.
- Where an allegation 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 Co-ordinator.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**This Safeguarding Statement was agreed by the Amor Europe Board of Trustees on the 2 December 2020. It will be reviewed annually, together with our Safeguarding Policy.**