

Safeguarding Children and Young People - Good Practise

The Government has defined 'safeguarding children' as:

"The process of protecting children from abuse or neglect, preventing impairment of their health and development, and ensuring they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care that enables children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully."

If you deliver services to children and families it is good practise to have a safeguarding policy in place. This is a document that will give you a frame work to work within and show in writing your commitment to keeping children and young people safe.

If you want advice or information about policies and procedures you can contact the Local Children's Safeguarding Board on 0116 2600004 or visit their website: www.lrsb.org.uk/ where you can find all kinds of information to support you if there is an incident or concern at your property.

When a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm then you should contact the emergency services or Children's Services Tel 0116 305 0005 without delay. Otherwise, if you're worried about a child you can get in touch with the NSPCC Helpline, freephone 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

You can contact the helpline about any aspect of a child's safety or wellbeing. Some parents call for advice about the best thing to do for their child, other people have seen something that they feel uneasy about and just want to talk it through.

When the call relates to something more serious, an advisor will take some details. If, having spoken to you, they decide a child is at risk, they will refer it on to Children's Services or the Police for them to take it further. Callers can remain anonymous if they want to.

Useful numbers:

- Local Children's Safeguarding Board- 0116 2600004
- Children's Services- 0116 3050005
- NSPCC- 0808 800 5000
- Simon Jones, Cultural Services Manager- 01455 255699



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