

# Safeguarding Adults

## PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH ADULTS

### Who is an adult

An adult is anyone over the age of 18.

### How do I safeguard children?

- **RECOGNISE:** Be Professionally Curious – Actively looking as well as listening to signs of harm
- **RESPOND:** Never promise to keep it secret
- **REPORT:** Always share information to the Designated Safeguarding team as soon as you have a concern
- **RECORD:** Create a written record of your concern and include any actions taken
- **REFLECT:** We all have a role to play to safeguard children

### What is abuse?

Abuse is a form of maltreatment where an adult is harmed or not protected from harm.

### What is safeguarding?

- **Providing help** and **support** to meet the needs of a **person** as soon as problems emerge.
- **Protecting** people from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online.
- **Preventing** impairment of a **persons** mental and physical health or development.
- **Ensuring** that people grow up in circumstances consistent with the **provision** of safe and effective care.
- **Taking action** to enable all adults to have the best outcomes in line with the outcomes.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; everyone has a duty of care to safeguard adults from harm.**

## What about concerns about staff / volunteer behaviours?

If you are concerned about the behaviour of anyone working in a position of trust you should inform the Safeguarding lead in your organisation. Any concerns about the safeguarding lead or practice in your organisation should be directed to your named governor / trustee.

