Safeguarding Children & Adults

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Who is a child and who is an adult?

A child is anyone under the age of 18.
An adult is anyone over the age of 18.

How do I safeguard?

- **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 a person is harmed or not protected from harm.

What is safeguarding?

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

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; everyone has a duty of care to protect people 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 setting should be directed to your named governor / trustee or for concerns related to children you can contact the NSPCC national whistleblowing advice line - 0800 028 0285

Safeguarding differences child vs adult

- There are different types of abuse and harm
- Referral pathways are different
- Consent obtaining is different: consent is needed by both the child and a legal parents. An adult can give consent themselves.
- Different safeguarding legislation for adults and children.

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