

# **Safeguarding Information for Volunteers 7 Minute Briefing**

## **1. What is Safeguarding?**

Safeguarding is what we do to protect the health, well-being and human rights of individuals.

Safeguarding allows children, young people and adults to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

**All professionals have a duty to safeguard. As a volunteer it is important that you understand how to spot the signs of abuse and neglect and how to report any concerns that you may have.**

## **2. Who are we safeguarding?**

A child or young person means anyone under the age of 18.

It means protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

An adult at risk is anyone over the age of 18, who has care and support needs or is at risk of abuse or neglect, and as a result of those needs, is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

## **3. What are the different types of abuse for children?**

There are 4 types of abuse for children:

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse

## **4. What are the different types of abuse for adults?**

There are 10 types of abuse for adults at risk:

- Physical
- Domestic
- Sexual
- Neglect or acts of omission
- Self-Neglect
- Psychological or Emotional
- Financial or material
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory
- Organisational or institutional

## **5. Where might abuse take place?**

Children and adults may be abused in any setting and they may be abused by another adult/adults or another child or children.

Abuse, harassment and harm can happen to anyone. It's not always visible and often not spoken about.

Remember "It could happen here" when safeguarding children and adults is concerned.

## **6. What is whistleblowing?**

If you are concerned about the behaviour of a staff member at an organisation that cares for children or adults, this may include a hospital, care home, school or nursery, you should try and report your concerns to the manager or head teacher in the first instance. Alternatively, regarding:-

Children- contact the Designated Officer (Allegations) tel: 0161 603 4527 or email: [elizabeth.peppiatt@salford.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.peppiatt@salford.gov.uk)

Adults- contact the Adult Contact Centre tel: 0161 631 4777

Or contact Protect, for free confidential whistleblowing advice tel: 020 3117 2520 or email: [whistle@protect-advice.org.uk](mailto:whistle@protect-advice.org.uk)

## **7. What should I do if I am concerned about a child or an adult? What do I need to do?**

If you are worried about a child, young person or adult you may wish to talk to them, listen calmly and reassure them that it's not their fault and encourage them to tell you what's happened. If you can't speak to the person directly that's ok but it's important that you tell someone about your concerns.

**If you believe a person to be at immediate risk of harm or in need of emergency medical attention call 999.**

**If you are worried about a child or young person call The Bridge on 0161 603 4500, if you are worried about an adult, call the Adult Contact Centre on 0161 631 4777 or email [worriedaboutanadult@salford.gov.uk](mailto:worriedaboutanadult@salford.gov.uk) between 8.30am-4.30pm. Outside these hours call the Emergency Duty Team on 0161 794 8888.**

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### **Additional Information**

**Visit:** <https://safeguardingchildren.salford.gov.uk/> (Children)

**Or** <https://safeguardingadults.salford.gov.uk/> (Adults)

**Email:** [SSCP@salford.gov.uk](mailto:SSCP@salford.gov.uk) (Children) or [SSAB@salford.gov.uk](mailto:SSAB@salford.gov.uk) (Adults)

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