

Policy Statement on Safeguarding

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS' POLICY STATEMENT

Organisation: CityCoast Trust

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees on: 15th September 2025

- This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent harm or abuse to children and adults with care and support needs in all their recognised forms.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults and children and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all people should enjoy and have access to every aspect relevant of the life of the organisation.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.
- We believe every child and adult should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that all those we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and will ensure that as an organisation all workers (staff and volunteers) work within the agreed procedures in our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of all relevant legislation including, but not limited to; Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023, the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and referring concerns about adults with care and support needs to the local authority under the Care Act 2014.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up-to-date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.

- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by the organisation.
- Supporting all in the organisation affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Care (England, Wales, Scotland), has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as Safeguarding Leads for this organisation.

Ruth Lewis Safeguarding Lead

Jess Jackson Deputy Safeguarding Lead for children

Becky Dale Deputy Safeguarding Lead for adults

A copy of this organisation's policy is available by emailing:

safeguarding@citycoast.church

Signed by trustees

Signed *Jamie Harland*

Claire Howarth

Date 15th September 2025