
Wonderfully MADE safeguarding children policy

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1. Purpose

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children

Wonderfully MADE recognises that, under the Children Act 1989 and 2004, it has a duty and responsibility to make arrangements to ensure all its functions are discharged having regard to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children/young people in their care – this includes all services directly provided and commissioned by the local authority. Wonderfully MADE also recognises and meets its responsibilities under Working Together 2018 and The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 for safeguarding children. A child is anyone up until their 18th birthday.

“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children” is defined in Working Together 2018 as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children’s health and development
- ensuring that children grow up in the circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

2. Persons affected

- All staff, paid and unpaid, this includes other volunteers
- All service users
- All visitors and contractors

3. Safeguarding policy

Wonderfully MADE is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. It has:

- a clear line of accountability for the commissioning and provision of services designed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children;
- a senior board level lead to take leadership responsibility for Wonderfully MADE’s safeguarding arrangements;
- a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, both in individual decisions and the development of services;
- clear whistleblowing procedures and are suitably referenced in staff training and codes of conduct, and a culture that enables issues about safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children to be addressed;
- arrangements which set out the processes for sharing information procedures with other professionals and with the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership;
- a designated professional lead for safeguarding at Wonderfully MADE. Their role is to support other professionals in their agencies to recognise the needs of children, including rescue from possible abuse or neglect. Designated professional roles should always be

explicitly defined in job descriptions. Safeguarding leads should be given sufficient time, funding, supervision and support to fulfil their child welfare and safeguarding responsibilities effectively;

- safe recruitment practices for individuals whom Wonderfully MADE will permit to work regularly with children, including policies on when to obtain a DBS check;
- appropriate supervision and support for staff, including undertaking safeguarding training
- ensuring that staff are competent to carry out their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and creating an environment where staff feel able to raise concerns and feel supported in their safeguarding role;
- staff are given a mandatory induction, which includes familiarisation with safeguarding responsibilities and procedures to be followed if anyone has any concerns about a child's safety or welfare;
- all staff should regularly review their practice to ensure they improve their work with children, young people and families over time.
- clear policies align with those from the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership for dealing with allegations against people working with children. Such policies should distinguish between an allegation, a concern about the quality of care or practice or a complaint. An allegation may relate to a person who works with children who have:
 - behaved in a way that has harmed a child or may have harmed a child;
 - possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
 - behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates they may pose a risk of harm to children.

Wonderfully MADE will ensure that staff understand:

- What do they need to do, and what can they expect of one another to safeguard children?
- Core legal requirements, making it clear what individuals and Wonderfully MADE should do to keep children safe. In doing so, Wonderfully MADE seeks to emphasise that effective safeguarding systems are those where:
- The child's needs are paramount, and the needs and wishes of each child, be they a baby infant or an older child, should be put first so that every child receives the support they need before a problem escalates;
- That all staff who come into contact with children and families are alert to their needs and any risks of harm that individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to children;
- The requirement to share appropriate information in a timely way and discuss any concerns about an individual child with colleagues and local authority children's social care;
- The necessity to use their expert judgement to put the child's needs at the heart of the safeguarding system so that the correct solution can be found for each child;
- The necessity to contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote a child's welfare and take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the child against specific plans and outcomes;

- **Key principles will be communicated:**
- safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: for services to be effective, each professional and organisation should play their full part and
- a child-centred approach: For services to be effective, they should be based on a clear understanding of children's needs and views.

4. Revision history

The Managing Director will regularly monitor this policy and related guidance for compliance and review it at least annually.

Date approved or amended	Amendments	Signed
May 24	• grammar	S.A.Murray-Sakumai
May 25	None	S.A. Murray-Sakumai
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