

BCSLSC Safeguarding Policy

This policy applies to the Directors (Trustees) all employees, volunteers under the direct control of BCSLSC and anyone working for or under the direction of BCSLSC. ("The BCSLSC Team"). It is approved by the Trustees.

There is a legal responsibility to keep children and young people safe.

The purpose of this policy is to;

- Protect children/young people and vulnerable adults.
- Provide those members of the BCSLSC Team working with children/young people and vulnerable adult's clear guidance on our approach to safeguarding

The BCSLSC Fundamental Safeguarding Principle

A child/young person or vulnerable adult should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to behave in a way that protects them.

We recognise that;

- The welfare of the child/young person/vulnerable adult is paramount
- All children/young people/vulnerable adults regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs and other issues
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare

We will seek to keep children/young people and vulnerable adults safe by;

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Identifying a lead senior management member and appointing a Designated Safeguarding Manager (DSM) who will provide safeguarding support to club safeguarding officers
- Ensuring that the DSM receives regular appropriate safeguarding training and disseminates this to the appropriate BCSLSC Team members
- Ensure members of the BCSLSC Team who work or regularly have contact with children/young people/vulnerable adults are DBS checked

- Adopting child young person protection and safeguarding practices through appropriate and relevant procedures and a code of conduct
- Supporting anyone who in good faith reports his or her concerns that they or a colleague or another person is at risk or may be being abused or that abuse is suspected
- Using safeguarding procedure to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know
- Ensuring that we provide a safe environment for children/young people/vulnerable adults and volunteers who attend BCSLSC events and approved activity by providing appropriate safety guidance
- Maintaining a case management review process as set out in the BCSLSC Bye Laws to review DBS disclosures, respond to Safeguarding complaints and address disciplinary cases, etc
- The Board of Trustees undertaking regular Safeguarding risk reviews and receiving regular safeguarding report

‘BCSLSC Team’ individually and collectively have a responsibility to implement the policy, and each has a right to be protected by it. Support is provided to anyone who, in good faith, reports his or her concerns that they or a colleague, is at risk or may be being abused or that abuse is suspected.

Relevant Contact details;

Designated Safeguarding Manager: Zara Potter safeguarding@branksomechineslsc.org.uk

CEOP www.ceop.police.uk

NSPCC Helpline 08088005000

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