
SAFEGUARDING

BRIEF FOR VOLUNTEERS – LEVEL 1



Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk is everyone's responsibility.

Abuse can happen to anyone, anywhere, and responsibility for addressing it lies with all of us.

This brief will help you understand how you can help safeguard everyone you have contact with whilst carrying out your tasks.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is the action of protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, enabling them to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Everyone has a role to play in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of any child, young person or adult at risk they come into contact with.

Safeguarding duties apply to children and young people under 18 and to vulnerable adults. Vulnerable adult (or adult at risk) is any person aged 18 or above who has needs for care and support; that is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and is unable to protect themselves from the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Abuse is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons which may result in significant harm.

It can take many forms, including: neglect or failure to act, physical abuse, psychological and emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, domestic abuse, hate crime, forced marriage, honour-based violence, female genital mutilation, modern slavery, human trafficking or radicalisation.



Anyone can witness or become aware of information suggesting that abuse and neglect is occurring.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS?

If you have a concerns about the well being of a child, young person or an adult at risk please don't keep them to yourself. In the first instance, discuss your concerns with your Volunteer Coordinator. If this is not immediately possible:

Contact Children's Social Care team on 01522 782111 if you are worried about a child or young person.

Contact Adult Social Care team on 01522 782155 if you are worried about the safety of an adult. All calls are treated confidentially.

Out of office hours, including weekends and Bank Holidays, for all safeguarding concerns, please call Emergency Line on 01522 782333.

If you believe that a crime has been committed or there is an immediate risk of danger, call the police on 999 or 112.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb

Statutory multi-agency board made up of range of organisations that have interest in the safeguarding children agenda.

- Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lsab

Multi-agency partnership comprising of a range of organisations that have interest in the safeguarding adults agenda.

- Safeguarding e-learning courses

You can register as a volunteer at

www.lincolnshirescb.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/Default.aspx and go to <https://safeguardingchildren.vc-tms.co.uk/> to log in.

- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children www.nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC website provides lots of information and resources on abuse and neglect and advice on how to keep children safe.

- Domestic Abuse

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/domestic-abuse