



CHILDREN'S WORLD

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Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy

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1. Introduction

Children's World is committed to promoting the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults. This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect, and the procedures that all staff, volunteers, and partners must follow.

2. Key Legislation & Guidance

This policy is informed by and compliant with the following UK legislation:

- [The Care Act 2014](#) (Primary framework)
- [Mental Capacity Act 2005](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [The Human Rights Act 1998](#)
- [Data Protection Act 2018 \(UK GDPR\)](#)
- [Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)
- [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#)

3. Definition of a Vulnerable Adult

A vulnerable adult (or "adult at risk") is any person aged 18 or over who, due to mental or physical impairment, age, illness, or disability, is unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation. This definition aligns with the Care Act 2014, providing the legal framework for adult safeguarding in England.

4. Principles

Our policy is underpinned by the six statutory principles of the Care Act 2014:

1. Empowerment: We support adults to make their own decisions with informed consent (Mental Capacity Act 2005). We practice Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP), meaning our response is led by the adult's wishes wherever possible.

2. Prevention: Proactive measures to stop abuse before it happens.
3. Proportionality: The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.
4. Protection: Support for those in greatest need.
5. Partnership: Working with local services and the community.
6. Accountability: We are prepared to undergo professional scrutiny by bodies such as the Local Authority.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

- Overall Responsibility: Children's World interim DSL Angela Bolton - 07709677998
- Secondary Contact: Catherine Busby, Chair of Trustees - catherinebusby@hotmail.com
- All Staff & Volunteers: Responsible for following this policy, recognising signs of abuse, maintaining boundaries, and attending mandatory training.
- DSL Responsibilities: To be the main point of contact, advise staff, liaise with statutory agencies (Police/Social Services), maintain confidential records, and monitor policy implementation.

6. Types of Abuse

Abuse can take many forms, including but not limited to:

- Physical: Hitting, slapping, misuse of medication, or restraint.
- Sexual: Any non-consensual sexual act (Sexual Offences Act 2003).
- Emotional/Psychological: Threats, humiliation, or isolation.
- Neglect: Failure to provide food, shelter, clothing, or medical care.
- Financial: Theft, fraud, or exploitation of property/money.
- Discriminatory: Abuse based on protected characteristics (Equality Act 2010).
- Organisational: Systemic ill-treatment within an institution.
- Self-neglect: Neglecting personal hygiene, health, or surroundings.
- Modern Slavery: Human trafficking, forced labour, and domestic servitude.
- Domestic Abuse: Including coercive control and economic abuse.

7. Recognising and Responding to Concerns

If you have a concern about a vulnerable adult:

- Listen: Without judgment or interruption.
- Reassure: Tell them they did the right thing. Do not promise absolute confidentiality if there is a risk of harm.
- Record: Write a factual account as soon as possible, using the person's own words.
- Report: Notify the interim DSL immediately. Do not investigate yourself.
- MSP Approach: Ask the person what they would like to happen next, unless doing so increases their immediate risk.

Important: Do not ask leading questions, do not confront the alleged abuser, and do not make promises of secrecy.

8. Reporting Procedures & Whistleblowing

- Immediate Danger: Contact 999 or Social Services.

- Standard Procedure: Report to interim DSL Angela Bolton. If she is unavailable, report to Catherine Busby.
- Whistleblowing: If a staff member or volunteer has a concern about the interim DSL or senior management, they should bypass internal reporting and contact the Chair of Trustees (Catherine Busby) or the Local Authority Safeguarding Board directly.

9. Confidentiality and Training

- Information Sharing: Data will be shared on a "need-to-know" basis per GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018. Consent is sought unless there is a risk of significant harm or criminal activity.
- Training: All staff receive safeguarding training at induction and regular updates. The DSL receives advanced training.

10. Safe Recruitment

We ensure all staff/volunteers are safely recruited via background checks and DBS checks as required by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

11. Policy Governance & Control: This policy is reviewed annually to ensure it remains compliant with current UK legislation and best practices for the charity sector.

Written By: Angela Bolton – Charity Operations and Projects Manager - Approved by Catherine Busby – Chair of Trustees.

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Signature of Authority:



Catherine Busby
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