

SLACC-*tt* Safeguarding Policy

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Introduction

Safeguarding is protecting vulnerable adults or children from abuse or neglect. SLACC *tt* recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children, young people, and adults at risk by developing and implementing good practice. All involved accept responsibility for safeguarding, with trustees having particular responsibility, as detailed below. The following key principles will be followed in all work with children and vulnerable adults:

1. Recruitment to projects and subsequent work with those recruited will always be carried out in the presence of others, with the knowledge of trustees in slacc *tt* and those identified as responsible for the care of children or vulnerable adults involved. Protection of children and adults will be a part of any risk assessment carried out both formally and informally.
2. When beginning any project, the trustees will consider whether Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are appropriate, using the DBS eligibility check, and will insist upon them if necessary.
3. All those involved with SLACC *tt* will contact trustees if they have any concerns about the well being of children or vulnerable adults they encounter through SLACC *tt* activity. Privacy and confidentiality will be respected, but in all cases the welfare of the child or vulnerable adult will take priority. Contact details are at the bottom of this sheet. In the event of any reported concerns records of all conversations including dates and times will be kept. Trustees will immediately convene a meeting and take advice from professionals. (Social Care out of hours team 01228 526690.)
4. A copy of this policy will be available in the trustees' shared files, and will be made available to anyone who requests it and published on SLACC's website. Volunteers and staff will be made aware of the policy at induction and briefing sessions. Copies will be given to anyone involved in working with young people or vulnerable adults, who will be asked to sign to show that they have read the policy and undertake to act

accordingly. (In 2021 there are no projects supporting young people under the age of 18).

- 5 Slacc *tt* is committed to continual review and improvement of this policy. The next review is due in August 2022. The trustees welcome contact from anyone with concerns or suggestions either verbally or in writing by contacting any trustee.

Contact details: (As at October 2021): Chair, (currently Carole Wood 01539 734207 or ecarole.wood@hotmail.com) or slacctt.sec@gmail.com