

Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy

Policy Title: Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Organisation: SOLACE LIVING SUPPORT CIC

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1. Purpose

To ensure that SOLACE LIVING SUPPORT CIC takes all reasonable steps to protect adults at risk from harm, abuse, and exploitation.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, board members, and external contractors working with or on behalf of the organisation.

3. Legal Framework

- Care Act 2014
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

4. Policy Statement

We are committed to safeguarding the well-being and rights of all adults who engage with our services. We will act promptly on concerns, ensure staff are trained, and report issues to the appropriate authorities.

5. Definitions

An adult at risk is someone aged 18 or over who may be unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation due to care or support needs.

6. Roles & Responsibilities

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Oversees policy implementation, training, and reporting.
- **All Staff/Volunteers:** Must report any safeguarding concerns immediately to the DSL.

7. Procedures

- Concerns must be reported to the DSL.
- Records should be factual, dated, and signed.
- If immediate risk is suspected, emergency services should be contacted.

8. Confidentiality

Information will be shared on a need-to-know basis in line with GDPR and safeguarding principles.

9. Training

All staff and volunteers must undergo safeguarding training annually.

10. Review

This policy will be reviewed every 12 months or following a safeguarding incident.

Signed: _____

(Director, SOLACE LIVING SUPPORT CIC)

Date: _____