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Responding to and Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

Introduction:

Voluntary and Community Sector agencies will come into contact with many people and become aware of concerns that other organisations may not. This means that they can play an important part in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe.

All organisations should have their own guidance to ensure that their staff and volunteers are aware of how to recognise and respond to any safeguarding concerns of neglect and abuse.

This includes having an up-to-date safeguarding policy in place. This policy should include all relevant areas of the organisation's work, including recruitment, the process for staff and volunteers to raise concerns about children, and vulnerable adults. Information should include the statutory duty to share concerns with the relevant agencies to safeguard children and adults at risk of harm or who are experiencing abuse.

Organisations can find information regarding what is a good safeguarding policy by accessing these websites:

- o KnowHow: (this site is accessible to all at the moment due to the current Covid 19 crisis for a limited time)

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/safeguarding/steps-to-a-safer-organisation/policies-and-procedures>

- o Otherwise, specifically for children:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/writing-a-safeguarding-policy-statement>

- o For adults: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/tips-safeguarding-adults-policy-procedure/>

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have multi-agency procedures, which contain information on how to work together with other agencies to



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safeguard: children <https://lrsb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm> and adults <http://www.lradultsafeguarding.co.uk/> (both of these websites have a useful search button to search using a keyword).

The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Partnership's website <http://lrsb.org.uk> contains all of the relevant information you will need.

Contact details across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to report concerns regarding children or adults can be found using the Report Concerns button on the www.lrsb.org.uk webpage.

Report Concerns

<https://lrsb.org.uk/childreport>

<https://lrsb.org.uk/adultreport>

In cases of emergency or immediate harm *always* call 999.