



## **Safeguarding Policy Public Statement**

Westway Trust has a duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults using our facilities and services.

We uphold the principle that everyone has the right to protection from harm or abuse.

We have a duty to raise concerns about the behaviour of colleagues, volunteers and others that may be harmful to children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Westway Trust has a Safeguarding Policy that applies to everyone working with us, whether paid or unpaid.

### **To meet our safeguarding responsibilities Westway Trust will:**

- Appoint designated safeguarding officers whose specific remit will support the implementation of this policy.
- Recruit colleagues safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made, in line with our recruitment procedures and selection policy.
- Provide a code of conduct for staff and volunteers to promote best practice.
- Train and supervise all staff to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children, young people and vulnerable adults using our facilities and services.
- Take all suspicions and/or allegations of abuse or risk seriously and respond to these swiftly and appropriately, in accordance with our safeguarding policy.
- Share information about concerns with those relevant agencies that have a legal duty to act, involving parents/carers and children where appropriate.

The policy and procedures will be reviewed and updated annually unless there is a change in legislation or guidance or an incident that warrants them being reviewed sooner.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding safeguarding at Westway Trust, please email our Designated Safeguarding Lead: [Val.Patterson@westway.org](mailto:Val.Patterson@westway.org)