



# Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy Statement

## The purpose and scope of this policy statement

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to protect children and young people who receive Learning & Wellbeing Psychology's services from harm. This includes the children of adults who use our services
- to provide staff and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Learning & Wellbeing Psychology including senior managers and the board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, agency staff and students.

We at Learning & Wellbeing Psychology recognise our moral and statutory responsibility and believe that our staff and everyone we come into contact with, regardless of age, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation or ethnic origin has the right to be protected from all forms of harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation. Learning & Wellbeing Psychology will not tolerate abuse and exploitation by staff.

All staff at Learning & Wellbeing Psychology work within government legislation and statutory guidance based on the Department for Education's Safeguarding Children and safer recruitment in education. We understand that safeguarding spans prevention to crisis intervention.

As Educational psychologists we are also guided by the British Psychological Society (BPS) Code of Conduct, Ethical Principles and Guidelines (2000). For this policy the particular sections of relevance are: Confidentiality and Personal Conduct. We are also guided by the BPS 'Safeguarding children and young people: Every psychologist's responsibility' (2018). This outlines a model for safeguarding, perspective taking on risk and consideration of resilience.

## Legal framework

This statement and the Child Protection & safeguarding Policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation is available from [nspcc.org.uk/learning](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/learning).

## Supporting documents

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents.



- Child Protection & Safeguarding full policy
- Role description for the designated safeguarding officer
- Code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Photography and sharing images guidance
- Safer recruitment
- Online safety
- Anti-bullying
- Managing complaints
- Whistleblowing
- Health and safety
- Induction, training, supervision and support

### **We believe that:**

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

### **We recognise that:**

- the welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

### **We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:**

- valuing, listening to and respecting them
- appointing a nominated safeguarding lead for children and young people who will also be a board member and a deputy
- adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- developing and implementing an effective online safety policy and related procedures
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all staff and volunteers know about and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently
- recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- recording, storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance *[more information about this is available from the Information Commissioner's Office: [ico.org.uk/for-organisations](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations)]*
- sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions



- making sure that children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately
- using our procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers appropriately
- creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise
- ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place
- ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- building a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.

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We are committed to reviewing our statement, policy and good practice annually.