



Safeguarding

For COVID-19
Mutual Aid Groups in Kirklees

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.



Safeguarding Children

Children may be abused in a family, institution or community setting, by those known and trusted by them or, more rarely, by a stranger.

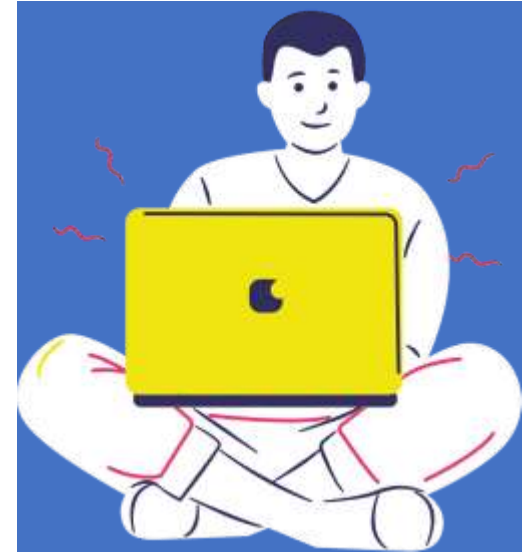
A child is anyone under 18 yrs

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Neglect

Ask all your Volunteers/Helpers to read the Kirklees Brief Guide to reporting Child Abuse:
<https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Reporting-child-abuse-CM3219.1.pdf>



Safeguarding Children Training



An Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect

Basic Awareness (40 min e-learning):

<https://kirklees.event-booking.org.uk/elearning-detail/%3D%3DQN3cjN/An-Awareness-of-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect>

Free for Charities and Community Groups.

You can register as Volunteer with TSL Kirklees charity number :1162592

Line Manager email: becky@tslkirklees.org.uk

12 New Street, Huddersfield HD1 2AR

Safeguarding Adults

An 'adult at risk' is someone who is aged 18 years or more who:

- has care and support needs (whether needs or being met or not)
- is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect
- are unable to protect themselves from that abuse and neglect, because of those care and support needs



Adults at risk could include:



- older person who is frail due to ill health, physical disability or cognitive impairment
- learning disability
- physical disability and/or sensory impairment
- mental health needs including dementia
- long-term illness/condition
- Lacks the mental capacity to make particular decisions and is in need of care

Categories of adult abuse

1. Physical
2. Sexual
3. Psychological
4. Neglect
5. Self-neglect
6. Organisational
7. Financial
8. Discriminatory
9. Domestic Abuse
10. Modern Slavery



Ask all your Volunteers/Helpers to read Kirklees Adult Abuse Factsheet:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/adult-social-care-providers/pdf/ksab-1-adult-abuse-summary.pdf>

Adult Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Adults Factsheets:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/adult-social-care-providers/pdf/ksab-1-adult-abuse-summary.pdf>

Safeguarding Workbook for Volunteers

email becky@tslkirklees.org.uk

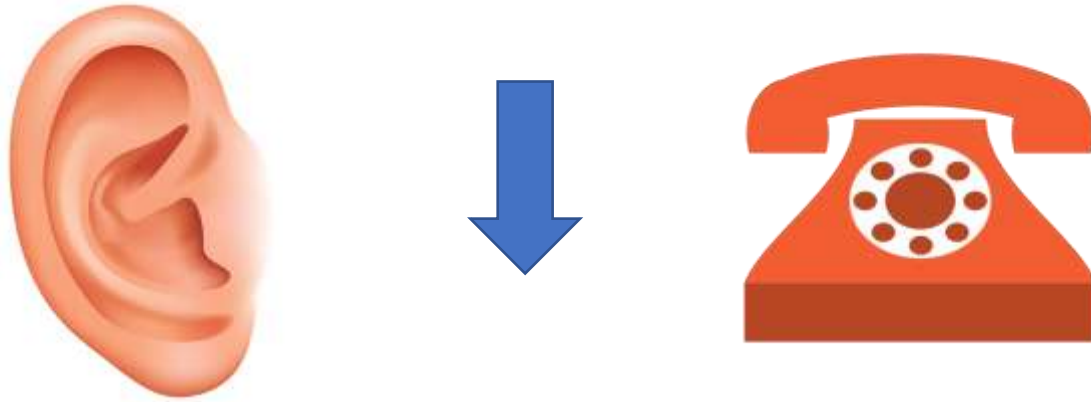
Virtual Basic Awareness Training

(90 mins) email becky@tslkirklees.org.uk



Your Safeguarding Procedures

Volunteer/Helper sees or hears something
they are concerned about



They report it to their Co-ordinator who assesses and decides who to pass information on to. Safeguarding concerns should be reported within 24 hours.

* Safeguarding Report Form *

Anyone could be an abuser and it is often someone who is known and trusted.

- Family member or partner
- Neighbour
- Health or social care worker
- Professional worker, for example advisor or solicitor
- Volunteer workers
- a friend
- a service user



Remember it is not your role to investigate any concerns you may have.

It is your role to pass on any concerns you may have.

Confidentiality



You should gain consent from the adult.

However confidentiality can be overridden if there is evidence that sharing information is necessary in exceptional circumstances.

These are:

- If an adults lacks mental capacity to protect themselves
- If a crime has been committed (or about to be)
- If there are concerns about abuse in an organisation
- If there are concerns about a member of staff /volunteer
- If abuse is occurring in a setting where care takes place
- If other people are at risk (including a child)
- If someone is in a life threatening situation and in need of emergency services

COVID - 19 Financial Abuse

There are already reports of a 400% increase in fraud reporting in March relating to the COVID-19 crisis.

- online sales of sanitation equipment that is never delivered
- Door to door 'Health Care Workers' offering testing and testing kits
- 'Volunteers' offering to buy groceries, taking money and not returning
- Fake government emails offering tax refunds, phone companies offering refunds and free school meal emails requiring bank details.



COVID 19- Domestic Abuse

- Those living with an abusive partner or family member may now face an escalation in abuse due to the added tensions and frustration caused by the whole family having to stay indoors.
- The abuser may experience additional anxiety about, for example, supplies of food, alcohol, medication and illicit drugs.
- People who are experiencing abuse may be less likely to ask for help as they know that emergency services are stretched.
- Fewer visitors to the household may mean that evidence of physical abuse goes unnoticed.

The Toxic Triangle



Safeguarding Good Practice

- ✓ ID check your Volunteers – do you know who they are?
- ✓ Avoid regulated activity that requires a DBS
- ✓ Have a complaints/feedback contact number for Volunteers and the People you are helping
- ✓ Have expectations/ guidelines for Volunteers to follow (training)
- ✓ Check in with your Volunteers on a regular basis
- ✓ Mix Volunteer tasks up to avoid dependency and forming a relationship with a particular person they are helping
- ✓ Make it easy for volunteers to step down from volunteering without them feeling guilty
- ✓ Avoid money changing hands, use electronic payments where possible. Have a clear audit trail and 2 independent Volunteers to check all financial transactions
- ✓ Keep people's personal information safe (GDPR)
- ✓ Have an alternative contact from you for people if they have a concern / or if you are not available

General Safeguarding Further reading

West Yorkshire Police – Easy Reading Guides

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/our-services/accessible-information/easy-read-resources/easy-read-resources>

Kirklees Council – Factsheets

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/adult-social-care-providers/kirklees-safeguarding-adults-board.aspx>

Social Care Institute of Excellence

Free training videos and resources:

<https://www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv/topic.asp?t=safeguardingadults>

Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership

<https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/safeguarding-2/different-types-of-abuse/>



COVID-19 Safeguarding Guidance



Kirklees Council Community Response Safeguarding

Video <https://communityresponsekirklees.com/2020/04/04/safeguarding/>

Social Care advice

<https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19>

Volunteering advice

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/coronavirus/involving-volunteers#section-0>

Safer Recruitment and DBS checks

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-factsheet-community-volunteers-during-covid-19-outbreak>

GDPR guidance for Mutual Aid Groups

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/blog-community-groups-and-covid-19/>

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**Without a sense of caring,
there can be no sense of
community.**

Anthony J. D'Angelo