

Child Safeguarding Statement



Council A

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Council A is responsible for providing a range of services to residents and visitors including, fire and emergency, housing and community, roads and transportation, urban planning and development, culture and environment and enterprise services.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Council A recognises that child protection and welfare considerations must be reflected in all of its policies, procedures, practices and activities. Council A will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child safeguarding in its policies, procedures, practices and activities:

- It will recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- It will comply with its statutory obligations and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- It will co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child safeguarding issues.
- It will adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm happening to children.
- It will fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child safeguarding matters.

Identified Risk (1)

Risks from staff or volunteers

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Robust Recruitment Procedures
Appropriate Vetting Procedures.
Appointment of Designated Safeguarding Leads
Code of behaviour for staff to provide employees/volunteers with clear guidance on how to treat children.
Implementation of CP Policies and training for staff.
Procedures to deal with an allegation of abuse made against an employee / volunteer.

Identified Risk (2)

Risk from other service users

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Adequate staff to child ratios.
Appropriate supervision of children/young people by staff.
Appropriate use of CCTV.
Security staff in relevant services.
Code of conduct for service users on display in relevant services.
Parents/guardians advised re requirement to supervise children appropriately in publicly accessed buildings and services.

Identified Risk (3)

Risk of harm/concern not recognised by staff/volunteer. Relevant CP and awareness training to all staff.

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

Relevant inductions and Child Protection / awareness training to all staff.
Clear reporting procedures in place.
Details of DSLs circulated to all staff and contact details available on intranet.
Implementation, and regular review, of our Child Protection Policy compliant.

Identified Risk (4)

Young person/child accessing inappropriate online content or inappropriate/abusive comms via social media.

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

IT policy and code of behaviour for staff.
Firewall and content filter in spaces where children can access the internet and social media on Council devices

Identified Risk (5)

Risk from external contractors/facilitators

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Use of CHSCP minimum standards for commissioning, including:
External Contractors/Facilitators to advise Council A that they have a Child Protection Policy and Child Safeguarding Statement in place or agree to adhere to Council's A Policy and Procedures.
External facilitators who have direct contact with children are appropriately vetted.

In addition to those detailed in our risk assessment, the following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Procedures relating to:

Safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
Access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
Management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/ volunteers of a child availing of our services.
Reporting of child protection or welfare concerns.
Maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Please confirm



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Procedures are available to the public here:

<https://www.councila.co.uk>

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