

Child Safeguarding Statement



SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

SocietyLinks is a registered charity and provides services for local communities in Tower Hamlets and neighbouring boroughs such as City of London. It currently delivers the Youth and play contract for City of London as well as hosting community projects and holiday programmes for 8-19 year olds (25 with SEND).

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Policy statement

SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets fully recognises its duty of care and responsibility for protecting and safeguarding the welfare of all children, young people and adults. We recognise our responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect young people, children and vulnerable adults from harm, abuse and exploitation. Our policies apply to all staff, the management committee, volunteers, and students working on behalf of SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets.

This policy has been formed with reference to: 'Children's Act 1989 and 2004' and 'Working together to Safeguard children 2023'.

Risk that children might face (1)

Use of employees and volunteers.

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

All staff and volunteers are recruited through a thorough safer recruitment procedure and undergo vetting prior to appointment. All staff and volunteers are trained in safeguarding and this is renewed annually.

Risk that children might face (2)

Scheduling and bookings by various groups

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Where possible, children's and youth services are scheduled to have sole access to the facilities. Where this is not possible access is contained and limited to certain areas of the building and any crossover is supervised by vetted and trained adults.

Risk that children might face (3)

Peer on Peer abuse within the service.

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

All service users are made familiar with the ground rules and code of conduct expected at sessions at all times. Behaviour management, Anti-Bullying, Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding policies all have procedures to deal with such cases.

Risk that children might face (4)

Public, residents and contractors entering the facilities.

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Only vetted adults will be allowed into the session, any contractors will be accompanied at all times by a member of staff. Residents, parents and other members of the public will be asked to wait outside and be seen to by staff.

Risk that children might face (5)

Drop-off and collection of children and young people.

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

The programme runs an open access policy- allowing for free movement of attendees. Parents and carers are informed to give consent at initial registration. Logs are kept of attendees entering and leaving the facility. Those who do not have consent to leave without a relevant adult will be asked to wait with staff until their adult arrives.

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Our Safeguarding policy refers to 'Children's Act 1989 and 2004' and 'Working together to safeguard children 2018'. It also takes guidance from NSPCC.

We also have procedures for Equal Opportunities, Code of Conduct, Safer Recruitment, Confidentiality, Data Protection, E-Safety and Anti-Bullying.

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.

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