



Meadow Close, Tarvin CHESTER CH3 8LY

Reg Charity No 506560

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect children, young people and vulnerable adults who use our Centre. A child, young person or a vulnerable adult should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people, or vulnerable adults and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice, record and report in a way that protects them. We understand that we have a serious responsibility and duty of care to ensure that children, young people, or vulnerable adults that we come in contact with, are safe from any form of harm or abuse, including physical, sexual, and emotional or neglect.

### **Legal framework**

This policy has been drawn up based on law and guidance that seeks to protect children and adults namely:

**Protection of Children Act 1999**

**United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991**

**Part V of the Police Act 1997**

**Data Protection Act 1998**

**Sexual Offences Act 2003**

**Children Act 2004**

**Protection of Freedoms Act 2012**

**Care Act 2014 Children Act 1989**

### **Tarvin Community Centre Management Committee recognise that:**

- The welfare of the child or adult is paramount – this forms the basis of and underpins the principles set out in The Children Act 1989 (2004) and the Care Act 2014.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal 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, young people and vulnerable adults safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- Adopting child protection practices and adult safeguarding practices through procedures and a code of conduct for staff.
- Developing and implementing an effective safety policy and related procedures.
- Providing effective management for staff through supervision, support and training.
- Recruiting staff safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made, this will include DBS checks.
- Sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents and staff as appropriate.

Approved by the Tarvin Community Centre Committee of Management 7th June 2002

Signed *Ted Lush*

Ted Lush (Chairman)

Signed *Jane Armstrong*

Jane Armstrong (Secretary)

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