

Vision for China: Safeguarding Statement

The Board of Vision for China recognises the importance of its ministry with children and young people and adults in need of protection and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.

The following statement was agreed by the Board on: 26th July 2019

This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being.

Specifically:

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to prevent physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and discriminatory abuse and neglect of babies, children and vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- All babies, children and vulnerable adults have the right to be treated with respect and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of babies, children and vulnerable adults and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with babies, children and vulnerable adults, for or with us.

We are committed to:

- Following the requirements for UK legislation in relation to safeguarding babies, children and vulnerable adults and good practice recommendations.
- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Ensuring that all workers (member, volunteer or paid member of staff) are aware of the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Following any organisational guidelines in relation to safeguarding babies, children and vulnerable adults in need of protection.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Officer in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect babies, children and vulnerable adults.
- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding babies, children and vulnerable adults.
- Providing appropriate support to all in the organisation affected by abuse.
- Adopting and following the 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards developed by ThirtyOne:Eight.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a baby or

child. Adult Social Care (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult at risk.

- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Where working outside of the UK, concerns will be reported to the appropriate agencies in the country in which we operate and their procedures followed.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy and procedures at least annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult at risk contact:

Our Safeguarding Officer: Sue Laker

Email: vfc@mnslacer.f9.co.uk

Or her deputy: Helen Tucker (appointed 23rd November 2019)

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A copy of the full policy and procedures and guidelines is available from Vision for China, The Longcroft, Storeton Lane, Barnston, Wirral CH61 1BU

Policy review date: July 2019

Next Policy Review Date: July 2020, unless review is required earlier

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