

## Safeguarding Statement

Nature of services: Chesil Infinity offers one to one and small group family support and THRIVE sessions for children and teenagers, predominantly from early years to 18 years and their families. Children generally have their parents with them for groups or one to ones.

Chesil Infinity ensures to prioritise the safety and welfare of all children and young people who access these services. Any current and future staff or volunteers have up to date training provided by Virtual College and other local organisations to ensure they will be alert to any possible risk of harm. Should a disclosure be made, or reasonable grounds for reporting exist then the person responsible for Safeguarding will make contact with the local team.

## Risk Assessment:

- One to one coaching sessions: any concerns made or disclosures raised will be dealt with confidentially by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Liz Rowe) in consultation with Duty Social Workers.
- Family group sessions: any concerns raised, or disclosures made, will be dealt with confidentially by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Liz Rowe) in consultation with Duty Social Workers.
- Small group coaching or workshop sessions: any concerns raised, or disclosures made will be dealt with confidentially by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Liz Rowe) in consultation with the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.

Procedure: All staff and volunteers supporting the small group or coaching sessions, delivering workshops or peer support have completed the relevant safeguarding/child protection training. DSL trained to Level 5 in both safeguarding children and adults.

Should a disclosure be made or an issue arise during any sessions, the person will be listened to non-judgementally with only factual note taking either during or as soon after the disclosure as is practicable. No assurance regarding confidentiality can be offered as the issue may need to be raised as a formal report.

Concerns will be discussed first and formally reported as deemed appropriate. If a decision is made not to formally report then a factual statement of the event will be stored safely and securely as per records retention guidelines.

The statement and any reports will be made in accordance with the Children Act and Keeping Children Safe (KCSIE).

This statement will be reviewed annually.

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