

## Community Investment Board: Safeguarding Statement

The purpose of this statement is:

- To protect vulnerable adults, children and young people who receive support from those receiving investment from Community Investment Board. This includes the children and adults who work for and use the services of those organizations and agencies we support.
- To make clear the overarching principles that guide this Boards' approach to safeguarding adults and children.

This statement applies to anyone working or volunteering or working on behalf of the Community Investment Board as well as the members themselves. This statement has been constructed to comply with current legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect adults and children in England. The manner safeguarding is managed in Southend is described for [adults here](#), and for [children here](#).

We believe that:

- No one should ever experience abuse of any kind.
- We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of adults, children and young people, to keep them safe and to behave and to perform our duty as a Board in a way that protects them.
- Those who the Board invest in will carry the onus of ensuring their safeguarding approach and procedures are in place within a proportionate level linked to their activities.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of adults and children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take everyone, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- working in partnership with adults, children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies (i.e the people that use the services of the organizations invested in by the decisions of the Board) is essential in promoting people's welfare.

We will seek to keep people safe by:

- valuing, listening to and respecting the opinion of those benefiting from the services
- appointing a nominated safeguarding lead and deputy for safeguarding
- adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our actions, policies (when needed), procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
- providing effective training and quality assurance measures so that all Board Members know about and follow our policies (when needed), procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently
- recruiting and selecting Board Members safely, ensuring 2 references are received per new member
- recording, storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance [see *Information Commissioner's Office: [ico.org.uk/for-organisations](http://ico.org.uk/for-organisations)*]
- making sure that organisations invested in:
  - Have a safeguarding policy that includes the detail described in the [SET guide to developing a Safeguarding Adults Policy](#)
  - Share information about safeguarding and good practice with their clients including adults, children and their families via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions.
  - Ensure that their clients know where to go for help if they have a concern.
  - Are using safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with who need to know, and involving vulnerable adults, children, young people, parents, families, and carers appropriately.
  - Have procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers appropriately
  - Create and maintain anti-bullying environments and ensuring that they have a policy and procedure to help deal effectively with any bullying that does arise
  - Ensuring that they have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place

- o Ensuring that they provide a safe physical environment for vulnerable adults and children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- o Build a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.
- making sure that individuals invested in consider the appropriate sections below:
  - o Have an understanding of their responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of themselves and those they impact on by their actions
  - o Understand what to do if they have or are aware of allegations of abuse
  - o Support and maintain anti-bullying environments
  - o Are aware of complaints and whistleblowing measures in places where people meet and/or work
  - o Ensuring that they support and maintain a safe physical environment for everyone, by applying appropriate health and safety measures.
  - o Ensuring the support and maintain a safeguarding culture where everyone treats each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.

The Community Investment Board may choose to invest in organisations or individuals. We recognise that in this situation you cannot rely on an organisations safeguarding policy, or require individuals to complete training in all circumstances. We will on all occasions consider the following:

1. Who we will support?
  - a. Level of hardship, personal development, high achievers, community support, positive action etc.
2. Is the grant to be based on a needs assessment? (will we invest in someone based on their situation or what the grant is intended to achieve?)
3. Could they be regarded as vulnerable adult under the care act 2014?
  - a. If they are does the investment impact on the risk of abuse?
  - b. Do they have the appropriate support network to manage the investment and its purpose?
4. Could they be regarded as a vulnerable child (see note below)?
  - a. If they are there are a number of issues including:
    - i. Can they manage the grant?
    - ii. Are they at risk of abuse (financial)?
    - iii. Is there support network able to support the use of the grant?
5. Are they supporting vulnerable children or adults?
  - a. If they are they should have received the requisite training
  - b. If they are who monitors their activity?
  - c. Do they need DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks, if so by who?

We are committed to reviewing our statement and good practice annually.

To share any concerns or ask questions please contact the Community Investment Fund Coordinator using 01702 356008 or [cib@savs-southend.co.uk](mailto:cib@savs-southend.co.uk)

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