Scunthorpe United Community Sports and Education Trust (CSET) Safeguarding Adult's Policy



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1. INTRODUCTION

Scunthorpe United Community Sport and Education (the CSET) is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and accepts their responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all adults involved in our programmes in accordance with the Care Act 2014.

1.1 Our safeguarding adults policy and procedures apply to all individuals involved in the CSET and we will encourage and support partner organisations, including sub-contractors to adopt and demonstrate their commitment to the principles and practice of equality as set out in this safeguarding adults' policy and procedures.

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1 The guidance given in the policy and procedures is based on the following principles set out in the Care Act to underpin the safeguarding of adults:

Empowerment - People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.

"I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens."

Prevention – It is better to take action before harm occurs.

"I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help."

Proportionality – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

"I am sure that the professionals will work in my interest, as I see them and they will only get involved as much as needed."

Protection – Support and representation for those in greatest need.

"I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want."

Partnership – Local solutions through services working with their communities.

Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse. "I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together and with me to get the best result for me."

Accountability – Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding. "I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they."

2.2 All adults, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status have the right to be protected from abuse and poor practice and to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment.

- 2.3 The CSET will seek to ensure that our programmes are inclusive and make reasonable adjustments for any ability, disability or impairment, we will also commit to continuous development, monitoring and review.
- 2.4 The rights, dignity and worth of all adults will always be respected.
- 2.5 We recognise that ability and disability can change over time, such that some adults may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, for example those who have a dependency on others or have different communication needs.
- 2.6 We recognise that a disabled adult may, or may not, identify themselves, or be identified as an adult 'at risk'.
- 2.7 We all have a shared responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all adults and will act appropriately and report concerns whether these concerns arise within the CSET. For example, inappropriate behaviour from a member of staff, or in the wider community.
- 2.8 All allegations will be taken seriously and responded to quickly in line with the CSET's Safeguarding Adults' Policy and procedures.
- 2.9 The CSET recognises the role and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in safeguarding adults and is committed to complying with the procedures of the Local Safeguarding Adults Boards.

3. GUIDANCE AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

3.1 The practices and procedures within this policy are based on the principles contained within the UK and legislation and Government Guidance and have been developed to compliment the Safeguarding Adults' Boards policy and procedures, and take the following into consideration:

The Care Act 2014
The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012
The Equality Act 2010
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
Mental Capacity Act 2005
Sexual Offences Act 2003
The Human Rights Act 1998
The Data Protection Act 1994 and 1998

4. RELEVANT POLICIES

4.1 This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Whistle Blowing Social Media

Complaints and Compliments Disciplinary

5. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- 5.1 To assist working through and understanding this policy, a number of key definitions need to be explained:
 - Adult at Risk is a person aged 18 or over who is in need of care and support regardless of whether they are receiving them, and because of those needs are unable to protect themselves against abuse or neglect. In recent years there has been a marked shift away from using the term 'vulnerable' to describe adults potentially at risk from harm or abuse.
 - ➤ **Abuse** is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by another person or persons.
 - Adult is anyone aged 18 or over.
 - Adult safeguarding is protecting a adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.
 - ➤ Capacity refers to the ability to make a decision at a particular time, for example when under considerable stress. The starting assumption must always be that a person has the capacity to make a decision unless it can be established that they lack capacity (MCA 2005).

6. RECRUITMENT, INDUCTION AND SUPERVISION

6.1 <u>Safe recruitment</u>

- 6.1.1 The CSET follows the Government's recommendations for the safer recruitment and employment of staff that work with children and adults at risk.
- 6.1.2 The CSET's Safe Recruitment Policy is the first step towards safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk. There is a commitment is to prevent people who pose a risk of harm from working by:
 - checking staff and volunteers who work with children and adults at risk;
 - > taking proportionate decisions on whether to ask for any checks beyond what is required;
 - ensuring volunteers are appropriately supervised;
 - having appropriate procedures in place for appointing staff and volunteers.

6.1.3 Safe recruitment and selection procedures help to ensure a safe workforce by deterring and screening out unsuitable individuals.

6.2 <u>Induction for staff and volunteers</u>

6.2.1 All new employees will be given an induction programme which will clearly identify the policies and procedures, including Safeguarding and Child Protection, the Code of Practice and Behaviours and Part One of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2016. In addition, we will make clear the expectations that will govern how staff carry out their roles and responsibilities.

6.3 <u>Safeguarding Training</u>

- 6.3.1 All training will be carried out in accordance with LSAB procedures. The DSO and Deputy DSO will attend safeguarding training courses and other relevant training at least every 2 years and will update their knowledge and skills on an ongoing basis.
- 6.3.2 All staff and volunteers will be provided with relevant safeguarding induction training. The purpose of this induction training is to make sure they understand the CSET's safeguarding policy and procedures and they have up to date knowledge of safeguarding issues; including risks of radicalisation and identification of adults at risk, e-safety, whistleblowing, staff conduct and training to enable staff to identify signs of abuse.

7. PROTECTING ADULTS AT RISK

7.1 <u>Types of abuse and signs and indicators</u>

Abuse is a form of maltreatment of a young person. Somebody may abuse or neglect a young person/adult by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm. Adults may be abused in a family, institutional or community setting by those known to them or others for example via the internet.

7.2 Reporting concerns, suspicions and allegations

Any member of staff or volunteer who either knows of, is told of, or strongly suspects any incident of abuse has a duty to report the information immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) or Deputy DSO. In their absence, the General Manager will inform the Safeguarding Senior Manager (SSM) without delay. In cases of significant harm, the Police and Social Services will be informed immediately.

If the allegation or suspicion is about the conduct of a CSET member of staff or volunteer, the CSET adhere to the LSAB guidelines on dealing with allegations.

7.3 <u>Duty to Report a 'serious incident'</u>

7.3.1 Charity Commission

One of the statutory functions of the Charity Commission is to identify and investigate apparent misconduct or mismanagement of the administration of charities. To fulfil this duty, they require any registered charity to report 'serious incidents' and specifically suspicions, allegations and incidents of abuse or mistreatment of vulnerable beneficiaries including children. Charities must report if any one or more of the following have occurred:

- an incident where the beneficiaries of your charity have been or are mistreated whilst under the care or your charity or by someone connected with the charity such as a CSET member of staff or volunteer;
- > an incident where someone has been abused or mistreated and this is connected with the activities of the charity;
- allegations have been made that such an incident may have happened, regardless of when the alleged abuse took place;
- you have grounds to suspect that such an incident occurred.
- 7.3.2 There is also **a contractual duty** to report any serious incidents to the English Football League (EFL), the EFL Trust and the Football Association (FA).

7.4 <u>Types of Abuse - Definitions from the Care Act 2014</u>

7.4.1This is not intended to be an exhaustive list but an illustrative guide as to the sort of behaviour or issue that could give rise to a safeguarding concern:

Self-neglect – this covers a wide range of behaviour: neglecting to care for one's personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding.

Modern Slavery – encompasses slavery, human trafficking, forced labour and domestic servitude. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

Domestic Abuse – including psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse. It also includes so called 'honour' based violence. Sport may notice a power imbalance between a participant and a family member.

Discriminatory — discrimination is abuse which centres on a difference or perceived difference particularly with respect to race, gender or disability or any of the protected characteristics of the Equality Act.

Organisational Abuse – including neglect and poor care practice within an institution or specific care setting such as a hospital or care home, for example, or in relation to care provided in one's own home.

Physical Abuse – includes hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, misuse of medication, restraint or inappropriate sanctions.

Sexual Abuse – including rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, inappropriate looking or touching, sexual teasing or innuendo, sexual photography, subjection to pornography or witnessing sexual acts, indecent exposure and sexual assault or sexual acts to which the adult has not consented or was pressured into consenting.

Financial or Material Abuse — including theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion in relation to an adult's financial affairs or arrangements, including in connection with wills, property, inheritance or financial transactions, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits.

Neglect – including ignoring medical or physical care needs, failure to provide access to appropriate health social care or educational services, the withholding of the necessities of life, such as medication, adequate nutrition and heating.

Emotional or Psychological Abuse – this includes threats of harm or abandonment, deprivation of contact, humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidation, coercion, harassment, verbal abuse, isolation or withdrawal from services or supportive networks.

7.4.1 Not included in the Care Act (but still relevant)

Cyber Bullying - cyber bullying occurs when someone repeatedly makes fun of another person online or repeatedly picks on another person through emails or text messages, or uses online forums with the intention of harming, damaging, humiliating or isolating another person. It can be used to carry out many different types of bullying (such as racist bullying, homophobic bullying, or bullying related to special educational needs and disabilities) but instead of the perpetrator carrying out the bullying face-to-face, they use technology as a means to do it.

Forced Marriage - forced marriage is a term used to describe a marriage in which one or both of the parties are married without their consent or against their will. A forced marriage differs from an arranged marriage, in which both parties consent to the assistance of a third party in identifying a spouse. The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 make it a criminal offence to force someone to marry.

Mate Crime - a 'mate crime' as defined by the Safety Net Project is 'when vulnerable people are befriended by members of the community who go on to exploit and take advantage of them. It may not be an illegal act but still has a negative effect on the individual.' Mate Crime is carried out by someone the adult knows and often happens in private. In recent years there have been a number of Serious Case Reviews relating to people with a learning disability who were murdered or seriously harmed by people who purported to be their friend.

Radicalisation - the aim of radicalisation is to attract people to their reasoning, inspire new recruits and embed their extreme views and persuade vulnerable individuals of the legitimacy of their cause. This may be direct through a relationship, or through social media.

7.5 Signs and Indicators of Abuse

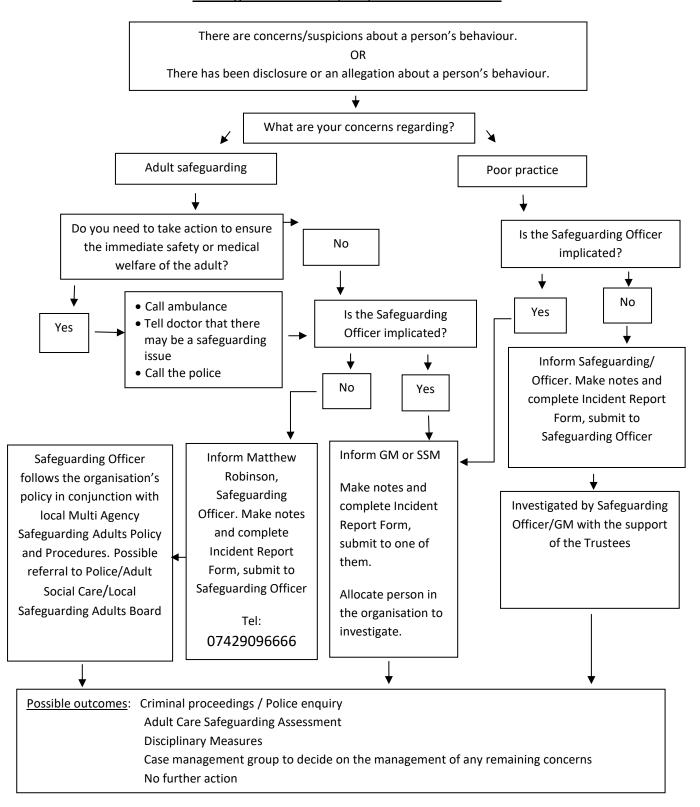
- 7.5.1 Abuse can take place in any context and by all manner of perpetrators. There are many signs and indicators that may suggest someone is being abused or neglected, these include but are not limited to:
 - ➤ Unexplained bruises or injuries or lack of medical attention when an injury is present.
 - Person has belongings or money going missing.
 - Person is not attending / no longer enjoying their sessions.
 - > Someone losing or gaining weight / an unkempt appearance.
 - A change in the behaviour or confidence of a person.
 - > They may self-harm.
 - They may have a fear of a particular group or individual.
 - They may tell you / another person they are being abused i.e. a disclosure.

7.6 What to do if you have a concern

- 7.6.1 You may become aware that abuse or poor practice is taking place or be told about something that may be abuse or poor practice. You must report this to the CSET's Safeguarding Officer, or, if the Safeguarding Officer is implicated then report to the General Manager or Senior Safeguarding Manager.
- 7.6.2 If you are concerned someone is in immediate danger, contact the police straight away.
- 7.6.3 It is important when considering your concern that you also consider the needs and wishes of the person at risk, taking into account the nature of the alert, more information on this (see Annex 1 'The Legislative Framework').

7.6.4 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS' POLICY

Dealing with Concerns, Suspicions or Disclosure



Remember to involve the adult at risk throughout the process wherever possible and gain consent for any referrals to social care if the person has capacity

7.7 How to Record a Disclosure

- 7.7.1 Make a note of what the person has said using his or her own words as soon as practicable.
- 7.7.2 Complete an Incident Form and submit to the CSET's Safeguarding Officer.
- 7.7.3 As long as it does not increase the risk to the individual, you should explain to them that it is your duty to share your concern with the Safeguarding Officer.
- 7.7.4 Describe the circumstances in which the disclosure came about.
- 7.7.5 Take care to distinguish between fact, observation, allegation and opinion. It is important that the information you have is accurate.
- 7.7.6 Be mindful of the need to be confidential at all times, this information must only be shared with your Safeguarding Officer and others on a need to know basis.
- 7.7.7 If the matter is urgent and relates to the immediate safety of an adult at risk then contact the police immediately.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 The CSET is committed to having the following in place:
 - A Safeguarding Officer to produce and disseminate guidance and resources to support the policy and procedures.
 - A clear line of accountability within the organisation for work on promoting the welfare of all adults.
 - Procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse or poor practice against members of staff and volunteers.
 - ➤ A Board of Trustees that effectively deals with issues, manages concerns and refers to a disciplinary panel where necessary (i.e. where concerns arise about the behaviour of someone within the CSET.
 - A Disciplinary Panel will be formed as required for a given incident, if appropriate and should a threshold be met.
 - Arrangements are in place to work effectively with other organisations to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults, including arrangements for sharing information.
 - Appropriate whistle blowing procedures and an open and inclusive culture that enables safeguarding and equality and diversity issues to be addressed.

8.2 E-safety and Online Media

Our E-safety and Social Media Policy provides guidance on how we use the internet and social media and our procedures for doing this. It also outlines how we expect our staff and volunteers, who work for us, and the children / young people, who are enlisted on our programmes, to behave on line.

The purpose of the policy is:

- 8.2.1 To protect all children, young people and adults at risk who make use of technology whilst in our care.
- 8.2.2 To provide staff and volunteers with a policy regarding on-line safety and how to respond to it.
- 8.2.3 To ensure our organisation is operating in line with our values and within the law regarding how we behave on-line.

8.3 <u>Code of Practice and Behaviour</u>

8.3.1 Our Code of Practice and Behaviour will help to protect children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and inappropriate behaviour from adults. It will also help staff and volunteers to maintain the standard of behaviour expected of them and should reduce the possibility of unfounded allegations being made against them.

8.4 Whistleblowing

8.4.1 As a CSET we want to protect children and young people from all areas of abuse. Staff members or volunteers on the frontline may be the only ones aware of potentially unsafe or inappropriate practice and it is important that they can raise awareness of it without fear of reprisal, regardless of whether the suspicions or allegations turn out to be true. One of the ways we do this is to provide an accessible reporting system to reveal any poor practice, abuse or unethical behaviour by staff or volunteers within the organisation to those in positions of authority.

8.5 Equality and diversity

8.5.1 As an organisation we want to prevent discriminatory practice and uphold the rights of children and young people, as well as staff and volunteers in line with Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our Equality and Diversity Policy ensures that this right is put into effect.

8.6 Complaints and compliments

8.6.1 The CSET recognises the right of everyone to have access to the complaints procedure, and we intend to ensure that all comments are taken seriously and dealt with

swiftly and in confidentially.

8.6.2 Everyone, where appropriate, including families should know how to, and feel able to, complain or make comments if they are unhappy or pleased with any aspect of the CSET. We manage this process through our Complaints/Compliments Policy and procedure

9. GOOD PRACTICE, POOR PRACTICE AND ABUSE

9.1 It can be difficult to distinguish poor practice from abuse, whether intentional or accidental. It is not the responsibility of any individual involved in the CSET to make judgements regarding whether or not abuse is taking place. However, all CSET personnel have the responsibility to recognise and identify poor practice and potential abuse, and act on this if they have concerns.

9.2 Good practice

The CSET expects that that all staff and volunteers:

- ➤ Adopt and endorse the CSET's Code of Practice and Behaviour;
- ➤ Have completed a course in basic awareness in working with Adults at Risk. Everyone should:
 - Aim to make the experience of the programmes fun and enjoyable;
 - Promote fairness and playing by the rules;
 - Not tolerate the use of prohibited or illegal substances;
 - Treat all adults equally and preserve their dignity; this includes giving more and less talented members of a group similar attention, time and respect.

Those working directly with adults at risk should:

- Respect the developmental stage of each person and not risk sacrificing their welfare in a desire for team or personal achievement;
- Build relationships based on mutual trust and respect, encouraging adults at risk to take responsibility for their own development and decision-making;
- Always be publicly open when working with adults at risk, avoiding sessions or meetings where a member of staff and participant are completely unobserved;
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact with people. Physical contact (touching) can be appropriate so long as:
 - 1. It is neither intrusive nor disturbing;

- 2. permission has been openly given;
- 3. it is delivered in an open environment;
- 4. it is needed to demonstrate during a coaching session.
- ➤ Maintain a safe and appropriate relationship with service users and avoid forming intimate relationships with them whilst you are working with them as this may threaten the position of CSET and respect between you;
- > Be an excellent role model by maintaining appropriate standards of behaviour;
- Gain the adult at risk consent and, where appropriate, the consent of relevant carers, in writing, to administer emergency first aid or other medical treatment if the need arises;
- ➤ Be aware of medical conditions, disabilities, existing injuries and medicines being taken and keep written records of any injury or accident that occurs, together with details of treatments provided;
- Arrange that someone with current knowledge of emergency first aid is available at all times;
- ➤ Gain written consent from the correct people and fill out relevant checklists and information forms for travel arrangements and trips. This must be the adult themselves if they have capacity to do so.

9.3 <u>Poor Practice</u>

The following are regarded as poor practice and should be avoided:

- Unnecessarily spending excessive amounts of time alone with an individual adult;
- Engaging in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay;
- Allowing or engaging in inappropriate touching of any form;
- Using language that might be regarded as inappropriate by the adult and which may be hurtful or disrespectful;
- Making sexually suggestive comments, even in jest;
- Reducing an adult to tears as a form of control;
- ➤ Letting allegations made by an adult go uninvestigated, unrecorded, or not acted upon;
- Taking an adult at risk alone in a car on journeys, however short;

- Inviting or taking an adult at risk to your home or office where they will be alone with you;
- Sharing a room with an adult at risk;
- > Doing things of a personal nature that adults at risk can do for themselves.
- 9.4 Note: At times it may be acceptable to do some of the above. In these cases, to protect both the adult at risk and yourself, seek written consent from the adult at risk and, where appropriate, their carers and ensure that the Safeguarding Officer of your organisation is aware of the situation and gives their approval.
- 9.5 If, during your care, an adult at risk suffers any injury, seems distressed in any manner, appears to be sexually aroused by your actions, or misunderstands/misinterprets something you have done, report these incidents as soon as possible to another adult in the organisation and make a brief written note of it.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1 Policies, procedures and supporting information are available in the Quality Manual in the office and on the CSET website: www.

10.2 Contact Details

Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk or keeping them safe is everybody's responsibility. If you think that a somebody might be the victim of abuse or neglect or they may be at risk of harm, you should always report your concerns to:

- Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) Matthew Robinson Tel: 07429096666
- Deputy DSO(s) Sam Tongue (Deputy DSO) Tel:
- Senior Safeguarding Manager (SSM) Angeline Saunderson-Hill Tel: 07877518533
 - In an emergency always dial **999**

- Police emergency 999
- Police non-emergency 101
- North Lincolnshire's Local Adult Safeguarding Board(LSAB):

http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/information-for-professionals/safeguarding/safeguarding-adults-board/

- English Football League (EFL) Trust Safeguarding Officer Clare Taylor Tel: 07964905652 email:ctaylor@efltrust.com
- English Football League Head of Safeguarding Ann Hussey Tel: 07795628379/01772 325811
- Lincolnshire FA County Welfare Officer- Gary Rooney Tel: 08449670708
- > CEOP www.ceop.police.uk

11. MONITORING

- 11.1 The Trustees will ensure that all staff and volunteers are aware that it is their responsibility to:
 - Refer all welfare and disclosures to the DSO;
 - Protect adults at risk from abuse;
 - Be aware of the CSET's Safeguarding Adult's Policy and procedures;
 - Include the DSO in matters of concern regarding staff conduct;
 - Undertake appropriate training, refresher training which will be updated on an annual basis.
- 11.2 The CSET Board has appointed a Senior Safeguarding Manager to monitor its safeguarding policy and procedures on behalf of the Board and to liaise with the DSO.
- 11.3 The full CSET Board will annually review this policy and the implementation of its procedures and in the following circumstances:
 - Changes in legislation and/or government guidance;
 - As required by the LSAB, the Charity Commission, FA and the EFL;
 - ➤ As a result of any other significant change or event.

12. Annex 1

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents

Introduced the new Vetting and Barring Scheme and the role of the Independent Safeguarding Authority. The Act places a statutory duty on all those working with vulnerable groups to register and undergo an advanced vetting process with criminal sanctions for non-compliance. www.opsi.gov.uk

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dh-mental-capacity-act-2005-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards

Introduced into the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and came into force in April 2009. Designed to provide appropriate safeguards for vulnerable people who have a mental disorder and lack the capacity to consent to the arrangements made for their care or treatment, and who may be deprived of their liberty in their best interests in order to protect them from harm. Legislation and Government Initiatives

Sexual Offences Act 2003

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/contents

The Sexual Offences Act introduced a number of new offences concerning vulnerable adults and children. www.opsi.gov.uk

Mental Capacity Act 2005

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/introduction

Its general principle is that everybody has capacity unless it is proved otherwise, that they should be supported to make their own decisions, that anything done for or on behalf of people without capacity must be in their best interests and there should be least restrictive intervention.

http://www.dca.gov.uk

Disclosure & Barring Service 2013

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about Criminal record checks: guidance for employers - How employers or organisations can request criminal records checks on potential employees from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service

The Care Act 2014 – statutory guidance

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/introduction/enacted

The Care Act introduces new responsibilities for local authorities. It also has major implications for adult care and support providers, people who use services, carers and advocates. It replaces No Secrets and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing.

Making Safeguarding Personal Guide 2014

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