

OPTIONS FOR LIFE

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY

Options for Life is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of the vulnerable adults it works with, and is committed to a multidisciplinary approach to tackling abuse, in line with the guidance given in the Department of Health publication 'No Secrets'.

We recognise our duty of care to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect vulnerable adults from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Staff and volunteers will endeavour to work together to encourage the development of an ethos which embraces difference and diversity and respects the rights of vulnerable adults.

All staff and volunteers have a duty to report *at the earliest possible opportunity* any allegation or concern of abuse, or where there is reason to think a vulnerable adult is at risk of abuse.

Options for Life will comply with all relevant legislation and adhere to best practice guidelines, seeking to implement Local Authority current advice and guidance where appropriate.

All staff and volunteers will be made aware of this policy and related procedures, and will be adequately trained.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any members of staff who do not comply with the organisation's Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults policy and the associated procedures. Appropriate action will also be taken in the case of any volunteers, service users or other persons who do not comply with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults policy and the associated procedures.

This policy was approved and endorsed by the Board of Trustees on 16th November 2009, with next review due on 16th November 2010.

Related documents

- Options for Life Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults procedures.