

Safeguarding Grant Policy

Our Aim

The Charity Service will aim to ensure that all organisations applying for and receiving grant funding from The Charity Service have the relevant and up to date Adult Safeguarding and/or Child Protection Policies and Procedures in place.

This policy will ensure that all adults, young people and children engaged in projects and/or activities with organisations funded by The Charity Service are free from harm, treated with dignity and respect and can participate in the activities safely.

Safeguarding Adults means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent or stop abuse and neglect. Every adult has the right to be treated with dignity, have their choices respected and live a life free from fear.

Child Protection and Safeguarding means protecting children from abuse and identifying and stopping abuse that is already happening. Abuse of a child or young person under the age of 18 is defined as follows; Abuse is a deliberate act of ill-treatment that can harm or is likely to harm a child or young person's safety, well-being and development.

What we will do

- The Charity Service will appoint a Safeguarding Lead responsible for completing the due diligence checks on all organisations applying for grant funding.
- All Charity Service staff and Trustees will receive training appropriate to their role within the grant application process.
- The Charity Service will make it clear on our website and on our application forms that organisations working with adults, young people and children are expected to have appropriate Adult Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies and Procedures in place
- Organisations that do not have appropriate Adult Safeguarding or Child Protection Policies and Procedures in place will not receive grant funding
- We will complete due diligence checks on all organisations applying for grant funding to make sure it is a suitable organisation
- Where we deem appropriate The Charity Service will complete additional checks (reference from a local authority, etc.) as part of the application process
- We will ensure that an organisation's governance structure is clear and that they have a named person responsible for Safeguarding

- We will ensure that all relevant Policies and Procedures are submitted and assessed as part of the application process
- Where appropriate additional internal and/or external advice on an organisation's Adult Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies and Procedures will be obtained prior to making a grant decision
- We will ensure that an organisation's staff directly involved in delivery of the project or activities have current DBS checks in place
- We will identify possible areas of improvement in an organisation's Adult Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies and Procedures and signpost organisations to trusted sources for information, advice and guidance
- We will ensure that organisations have the resources (budget and time) in place to meet the safeguarding responsibilities related to the project and activities
- We will ensure that other core policies (Health & Safety, Recruitment, etc.) are in place
- We will ensure that an organisation's staff understand how to raise and deal with concerns
- We will monitor safeguarding concerns by working with and building relationships with organisations so that any issues are reported

Monitoring

We recognise that it is important for us to regularly review this policy to ensure that it is fit for purpose and reflects best practice and current legislation. This policy will therefore be reviewed on an annual basis.

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