



# Statement on safeguarding

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saha is committed to safeguarding and protecting from harm the children, young people and adults at risk that may use or come into contact with our services.

We believe that people should never experience abuse of any kind and we have a duty to promote the welfare of the people we work with and to carry out our work in a way that keeps them safe

# We understand that

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- The welfare of the people that we work with and of children in particular, is paramount in the work that we do and the decisions that we take
- All people regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation have a right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some of the people we work with or who come into contact with our services are additionally vulnerable because of their life experiences, level of dependency or other issues

# What safeguarding means for people who use our services



## Safeguarding children means

- Protecting them from any type of abuse or neglect, preventing harm to their health or development
- Improving their life chances by supporting them to grow up in circumstances that allow for safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable them to achieve the best outcomes

## Safeguarding adults means

- Protecting the health, wellbeing and rights of adults at risk
- Enabling them to live free from abuse and neglect
- Working in partnership to prevent and reduce the risk and experience of abuse or neglect
- Ensuring the wellbeing of individuals, respecting their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs

# saha helps to safeguard people by:

Implementing safeguarding policies and procedures that are reviewed on a regular basis and we ensure that all staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding

Using safer recruitment practices and providing effective safeguarding training to staff.

Referring any concerns to local councils and/or the police for further investigation.

Ensuring that the environment and facilities where saha residents, and where applicable their family members, live or receive our services are safe, appropriate, and meet their needs.

Having a knowledge and understanding of the local safeguarding structures in the areas where our services are based and by working collaboratively to deliver multi-agency solutions, report concerns and share appropriate information.

Using information we receive to help us consider and address any risks to people who use our services.

Monitoring any concerns to identify any patterns or trends.