

ROLE OF SENSE STAFF IN SAFEGUARDING

Staff and volunteers have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of people and a responsibility to work closely and co-operatively with other agencies in order to achieve this. Staff may have a role as referrers, witnesses or supporters of people involved in safeguarding processes.

PREVENT STRATEGY

The Government Prevent Strategy (2011) and the Counter Terrorism & Security Act (2015) require the College to take a proactive approach towards Extremism & Radicalisation.

College staff and Governors have received appropriate training and are required to report any concerns they may have.

If you have any concerns, please tell a Designated Safeguarding person (see back of leaflet for contact details).

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Sense College East Safeguarding Information for Families & Carers

We wish to ensure the health, safety and security of all students, staff and visitors at Sense College East, so please take a few moments to read this leaflet.

Thank you

Jenny Wheatcroft
Principal
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connecting sight, sound and life

WHAT DOES SAFEGUARDING MEAN?

Protecting people from harm.
Protecting their health and development.
Ensuring we enable people to learn and enjoy a safe and effective environment.
Enabling people to have optimum life chances and develop successfully.

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Abuse is behaviour towards a person that deliberately or unintentionally causes harm. It is a disregard of a person's human rights and in the worse cases can endanger life.

Abuse can take many forms it can be physical, sexual, financial, organisational, neglectful or discriminatory.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

General signs that someone has been, or is being abused could include:
Significant change in behaviour.
Unexplained injuries leading to repeat visits to a GP or A&E.
Signs of anxiety fear or distress.
Withdrawal or isolation
Self-neglect or basic physical and emotional needs not properly met.
It is important to note that there may also be other reasons for these changes

WHERE MIGHT IT HAPPEN?

It can happen anywhere - Public Places, College, Home, Hospitals or Care Homes.

WHO ABUSES?

Anyone can be an abuser – professionals, volunteers, family members, carers, partners, friends, neighbours, and staff members.

HOW DOES SENSE ENSURE PEOPLE ARE SAFE?

All Sense staff (paid & volunteers) are subject to a DBS (criminal record) check prior to working with people.
All staff are trained in preventing and identifying abuse and what to do about it.

WHO SHOULD I REPORT CONCERNS TO?

Whoever you are, if you see or hear something that concerns you, or a person tells you something that concerns you, you need to tell someone as soon as possible. Any Sense Staff Member can help you to contact the local safeguarding team.
Or you can contact the local Education Service Manager, Vice Principal (see back of leaflet for contact details) or Sense Head of Safeguarding tel. 0300 330 9260.