

## **Safeguarding**

### **Section 1 - Introduction and Policy Statement**

**Be Free Young Carers recognises its duty of care to safeguard children as detailed under the Children Acts' 1989 and 2004 as amended by the children and Social Care Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2020.**

**Be Free Young Carers is fully committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of all children and taking all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and protect children from harm, abuse and neglect.**

**Be Free Young Carers acknowledges its duty to act appropriately with regards to any allegations towards anyone working on its behalf, or towards any disclosures or suspicion of abuse.**

**Be Free Young Carers believes that:**

- **The welfare of children and young people is paramount.**
- **All children, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial heritage, religious or spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation and/or identity, have the right to equal protection from harm or abuse.**
- **Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.**
- **Working in partnership with children, their parents, carers, and other agencies is essential in promoting young peoples' welfare.**

**This policy applies to all staff, volunteers and The Board of Trustees and anyone in a position of trust, and has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the following legislation and guidance:**

- **Children Act 1989**
- **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1991**
- **Children Act 2004 as amended by the children and social work act 2017**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Children and Families Act 2014**
- **Special Educational Needs and Disability (send) Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years**
- **Working together to Safeguard Children 2015**
- **What to do if you are worried a Child is being Abused 2015**
- **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016**
- **Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board Guidance**
- **Counter terrorism and security act 2015**

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**A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children's Act 1989)**

### **Purpose of this Policy**

**The purpose of this policy is to:**

- **Protect children and young people who receive a service from Be Free Young Carers.**
- **Provide staff and volunteers with the framework and principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.**

**Be Free Young Carers takes very seriously its responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection towards all young carers with whom it engages and seeks to provide an environment where all young carers are safe, secure, valued, respected, happy and listened to.**

**Be Free Young Carers understands the term Safeguarding to mean that we will take all reasonable measures to ensure that the risk of harm to children's welfare and development is minimised. We also understand that where we have any concerns about a child's welfare, we will take all appropriate action to address those concerns by working in full partnership with other agencies. In particular, Be Free Young Carers will:**

- **Always follow safe recruitment procedures for staff and volunteers, including an enhanced check through the DBS process, so that we can be confident that all adults working for Be Free Young Carers are safe to do so.**
- **Appoint a Designated Safeguarding Lead for children and ensure a clear line of accountability with regards to safeguarding concerns.**
- **Ensure that those in a position of trust have been provided with up to date and relevant information, training, support, and supervision to enable them to fulfil their role and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and child protection.**
- **Provide clear procedure to follow when safeguarding and child protection concerns arise.**
- **Ensure effective and appropriate communication between all individuals in a position of trust.**
- **Build strong partnerships with other agencies to promote effective and appropriate multiagency working, information sharing and good practice.**
- **Raise awareness of child protection issues and equip young carers with the skills needed to keep them safe.**
- **Implement procedures for identifying and reporting suspected cases of abuse.**
- **Be aware young carers who are the subject of a child protection plan.**
- **Establish a safe and nurturing environment where young carers feel safe, secure, valued, respected, happy and listened to.**
- **Mental Health**

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### **Roles and Responsibilities**

**All individuals in a position of trust must:**

- **Understand the different types of abuse and recognise the possible risks and Indicators**
- **Understand their responsibility to report any concerns that a child is being, or is at risk of being, abused or neglected. This includes reporting any concern they may have regarding another person's behaviour towards a child or children**
- **If appropriate; liaise with other agencies, contribute to safeguarding assessments and attend child protection meetings / core groups / conferences**
- **Record and store information legally, professionally, and securely in line with organisational policies and procedures**
- **Undertake the required level of training for their role in line with Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board standards, every 3 years for Generalist and Advanced Safeguarding and every 2 years for Designated Leads.**
- **Understand the line of accountability for reporting safeguarding concerns, and be fully aware of the organisation's safeguarding lead and their role within the organisation**

**Be Free Young Carers recognises that its staff and volunteers who work regularly with children are best placed to notice changes in behaviour and/or physical injuries or receive disclosure from children about possible risk of harm. Be Free Young Carer staff and volunteers will therefore:**

- **Report any unusual/inappropriate behaviour to their designated staff member for child protection.**
- **Ensure that children and young people know they can approach any of the adults in our establishment if they are worried about something and that they will receive a consistent, supportive response.**

**Be Free Young Carers' staff and volunteers will follow the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board procedures in all cases of abuse or suspected abuse. These can be found at [www.oscb.org.uk](http://www.oscb.org.uk)**

**We will therefore ensure that:**

- **Be Free Young Carers has a designated lead staff member for safeguarding and child protection, that person the CEO, Sabiene North 07394942641.**
- **All staff, whether permanent or temporary, and volunteers know which staff members have been designated overall responsibility for child protection and safeguarding.**

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- In the absence of the designated person, Be Free Young Carers has other members of staff who have the knowledge and skills necessary to deputise.
- Our designated lead staff member and Volunteer Coordinator attend Designated Lead training, refreshed every two years.
- Our client facing staff and volunteers receive Specialist Safeguarding training, refreshed every two years.
- All other staff, Trustees and volunteers receive Generalist Safeguarding training every two years.
- All staff, volunteers and trustees have read and understand this child protection and safeguarding policy.
- Accurate written records are kept of concerns about young carers where a referral is not appropriate immediately.
- All staff and volunteers are recruited safely and have had the appropriate checks, (e.g. Enhanced DBS with children's barred list check).
- All interview panels include staff who are Safer Recruitment trained.
- All staff and volunteers are aware that they must refer any allegations against a member of staff or a volunteer to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01865 815232.
- This policy is reviewed by the Board of Trustees annually or more frequently as circumstances require.
- The Be Free Young Carers' Safeguarding Policy and associated procedures are implemented in line with Oxfordshire Safeguarding Board Policies, including implementation of the S11 standards, annual review of practice against standards, and presentation of an annual Safeguarding Report.

We recognise that children who have been abused, or witness violence, may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth. They can feel helplessness, humiliation, and a sense of blame. Our organisation may provide the only stability in the lives of some children, and we will endeavour to support them by:

- Liaising with other agencies that support children, (e.g., Social Care and Health) where appropriate.
- Providing opportunities for children to discuss and explore issues around safety and ensuring children know who to talk to in our organisation if they need help.
- Promoting a positive ethos within our organisation, giving children the sense of being safe, supported, respected, and valued.

The Board of Trustees is ultimately accountable for ensuring settings provided by Be Free Young Carers are safe, including the implementation of effective safeguarding procedures.

Any breach of this policy will be treated as a disciplinary matter, which may result in immediate termination of employment or contract, withdrawal of volunteer status, and reporting to the police, relevant regulatory authority, or other body.

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**All staff and volunteers will have regard to their obligations to prevent young carers from being drawn into extremism or terrorism. Be Free Young Carers recognises that this is their statutory duty under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 {The Prevent Duty}. All staff, volunteers, befrienders, and trustees receive training on understanding the Prevent Duty.**

**Separate child protection records are stored in a locked cabinet in the Designated Safeguarding Leads office. Ordinary records marked with a symbol e.g., Red Star on the cover indicates that there is a child protection file. Access is on a strictly need to know basis.**

**This policy is reviewed annually. All individuals in a position of trust should have access to this policy and sign to the effect that they have read and understood its elements.**

### **Section 2 - Safeguarding Procedures**

**ALL STAFF and VOLUNTEERS have a responsibility for action in cases of suspected child abuse. The following procedure must be followed if a member of staff or volunteer has concerns about the safety of a child or if a disclosure is made.**

#### **Keeping Children Safe Reporting Procedure**

**All young carers attending Be Free Young Carers services must be able to place their trust and confidence in any adult working for the organisation. They must feel sure that they can speak about any worries or concerns they may have and that they will be listened to, taken seriously, and responded to appropriately.**

**All staff and volunteers must therefore know what to do if a child chooses to talk to them about any matter which raises child protection concerns.**

#### **At the point of a disclosure**

**All staff and volunteers must:**

- Not promise confidentiality, explain that it may be necessary to consult a senior colleague.**
- Listen to what the child is saying without interruption and without asking leading questions.**
- Respect the child's right to privacy but not promise confidentiality.**
- Reassure the child that they have done the right thing in telling.**
- Explain to the child that in order to keep them safe from harm the information that has been shared must be passed on.**

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### **Reporting a disclosure**

- 1. Report what has been disclosed to the Designated Person as soon as practical.**
- 2. Record in writing, as soon as practicable, what was said using the child's actual words.**
- 3. Sign and date the record and store as soon as possible on the child's file in the secure locked cabinet.**
- 4. The Designated Person for Child Protection will:**
  - Assess any urgent medical needs of the child.**
  - Consider whether the child has suffered, or is likely to suffer significant harm.**
  - Check whether the child is currently subject to a Child Protection Plan or has been previously subject to a Plan.**
  - Confirm whether any previous concerns have been raised by staff or volunteers.**
  - Consider whether the matter should be discussed with the child's parents or carers or whether to do so may put the child at further risk of harm because of delay or the parent's possible actions or reactions.**
  - Seek advice if unsure that a child protection referral should be made.**
- 5. If a referral is not considered appropriate at that stage, the Designated Person will make full written records of the information that they have received detailing the reasons for their judgement that the matter was not referred to the local authority.**

**If you cannot find/contact your lead person for child protection and have an immediate concern about a child, call the Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, MASH, as soon as possible on 0345 050 7666 or 0800 833 408 (outside office hours). (This number will take you through to Customer Services who will ask a series of questions and triage into MASH where safeguarding concerns are raised.) If you want to speak with someone about an already open case, contact the relevant County Council Children's Social Care Team.**

### **Recognition and Response to Abuse**

**Owing to the nature of the relationship young carers have with Be Free Young Carers staff, all adults working for Be Free Young Carers are well placed to notice any physical, emotional or behavioural signs that a child may be suffering significant harm. We understand that harm means the ill-treatment or impairment of a child's health and/or development, including that caused as a result of witnessing the ill-treatment of another person and we understand that not all children will choose to talk, but may communicate through different ways. We will always be aware of and alert to any possible indicators that a child is suffering harm.**

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**All staff and volunteers will report any concerns to the Designated Person for Safeguarding and Child Protection.**

**All adults working for Be Free Young Carers will receive regular Safeguarding and Child Protection training in order that their awareness to the possibility of a child suffering harm through physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect remains high.**

**We will ensure that the training our staff and volunteers undertake contains opportunities for learning about those specific areas of safeguarding and child protection about which everyone should be aware of and alert to:**

- **Child Exploitation and Sexual Exploitation**
- **Bullying/Cyberbullying**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Use or abuse of drugs or alcohol**
- **Fabricated or induced illness**
- **Faith abuse**
- **Female Genital Mutilation**
- **Forced Marriage**
- **Gangs and Youth Violence**
- **Mental Health**
- **Private Fostering**
- **Radicalisation**
- **Sexting**
- **Teenage relationship abuse**
- **Trafficking, modern slavery**
- **Coercive behaviour**

## **Providing a Safe Environment**

**All parents and carers of young carers engaging with Be Free Young Carers must feel secure in the knowledge that they are entrusting their children to adults who will strive to keep them safe.**

**We will do this by:**

- **Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment.**
- **Ensuring that our staff and volunteers are appropriately trained in safeguarding and child protection according to their role and responsibilities and keep a record of all training undertaken.**

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- Encouraging the self-esteem and self-assertiveness of all young carers engaging with Be Free Young Carers through our services so that the young carers themselves become aware of danger and risk and what is acceptable behaviour and what is not.
- Working in partnership with all other services and agencies involved in the safeguarding of children.
- Including detail contact numbers for child protection help-lines in our newsletters as appropriate
- Always following Safer Recruitment procedures when appointing staff or volunteers
- Undertaking risk assessments when planning all activities, trips, and training.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection in Specific Circumstances**

#### **Behaviour of Young Carers**

We will always aim to maintain a safe and calm environment by expecting good behaviour from young carers in line with our behaviour code of conduct.

We are aware that any physical response from a member of staff or volunteer to a young carers' poor behaviour could lead to a child protection concern being raised by the child or parent/carer.

1. No member of staff or volunteer will use force when dealing with a young carers' breach of our behaviour code of conduct unless the potential consequences of not physically intervening are sufficiently serious to justify such action.
2. We will always record any occasion when physical intervention has been necessary.
3. We will always notify parents or carers of any such incident.
4. Serious behaviour problems may prevent the young carer going on trips with other young carers.

#### **Health & Safety**

Be Free Young Carers has a Health and Safety Policy which demonstrates the consideration we give to minimising any risk to young carers when on Be Free Young Carers' activities under the supervision of our staff.

#### **Confidentiality**

Information about young carers given to us by the children themselves, their parents, or carers, or by other agencies will remain confidential. Staff and volunteers will be given relevant information only on a 'need to know' basis in order to support the child, if that is necessary and appropriate.

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**We have a duty to share any information which is of a child protection nature. We understand that this is in the best interests of the child and overrides any other duties we have regarding confidentiality and information sharing.**

**We have a duty to keep any records which relate to child protection work undertaken by us or shared with us by agencies and to ensure that these are stored securely and only accessible to key members of staff.**

### **Procedures - Social Media**

#### **Good Practice Guidelines**

#### **APPROPRIATE**

- 1. Set your privacy settings for any social networking site to ensure only the people you want have sight/ access to the contents. Keep these updated. The default settings for most social networking sites are set to open access where anyone can see everything.**
- 2. Ensure your mobile phone (any technological equipment) is password/ PIN protected. This will ensure that other people cannot use your equipment and get you into trouble.**
- 3. Consider having separate personal and professional online identities/ accounts if you wish to have online contact with service users i.e., children and young people, their families and other professionals. Ensure that the Chief Executive Officer is aware of your professional online persona.**
- 4. Make sure that all information about you that is publicly available is accurate and appropriate - think particularly about whether photographs/ stories that you may have posted in your personal life are appropriate for a person with a professional life and a reputation to lose. If you don't want it to be public, don't put it online.**
- 5. Remember that online conversations may be referred to as 'chat' but they are written documents and should always be treated as such. Be mindful about how you present yourself when you are publishing information about yourself or having 'conversations' on-line.**
- 6. Make sure that you are aware of your organisation's policy regarding the use of both organisational and personal digital equipment and the consequences of misuse. Breach of the policy can result in capability/ disciplinary actions by your employer, professional body and criminal proceedings by the police.**

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**7. Err on the side of caution. If you are unsure who can view online material, assume that it is publicly available. Remember - once information is online you have relinquished control of it. Other people may choose to copy it, to edit it, to pass it on and to save it.**

**8. Switch off any Bluetooth capability any device may have installed as standard. Bluetooth allows another person to have access to your equipment - they can then pretend to be you.**

**9. Always be aware that technology is constantly upgrading and improving. You may have access to websites via a work-provided smart phone that are blocked by your computer. Mobile phones come with locator software. Cameras can be a feature of games consoles. When you receive any new equipment (personal or private) make sure that you know what features it has as standard and take appropriate action to disable/ protect.**

### **INAPPROPRIATE**

**1. Giving personal information to service users i.e., children/ young people, their parents/ carers. This includes personal mobile phone numbers, social networking accounts, personal website/ blog URLs, online image storage sites, passwords/ PIN numbers etc.**

**2. Using personal mobile phone to communicate with service users i.e. children/young people or parents/carers either by phone call, text, email, social networking site.**

**3. Using the internet or web-based communication to send personal messages to service users i.e., children/young people, parents/ carers.**

**4. Sharing your personal details on a social network site with service users i.e. children/young people, their parents or carers. This includes accepting them as friends. Be aware that belonging to a 'group' may give 'back door' access to your page even though you have set your privacy settings to family and friends only.**

**5. Adding/allowing service users i.e. a child/young person, their parents/ carers to join your contacts/friends list on personal social networking profiles.**

**6. Using your own digital camera/ video for work. This includes integral cameras on mobile phones.**

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**7. Playing online games with service users i.e. children, young people, their parents or carers. This can be difficult when the culture is to play with 'randoms'. Check out before you play online with someone you don't know.**

### **What to do if you have concerns**

**As a user of a social networking site, you may at some time have a concern about what you are seeing or being told about by another user. Concerns may range from negative or abusive comments and cyber bullying to suspected grooming for sexual abuse.**

### **Reporting concerns about possible online abuse**

**All staff should be familiar with Be Free Young Carers' reporting procedures which should include the reporting of potentially illegal/abusive content or activity, including child sexual abusive images and online grooming.**

**In addition to referring concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, (the Director), you should:**

- **immediately report online concerns to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) or the police, in line with internal procedures. Law enforcement agencies and the service provider may need to take urgent steps to locate the child and/or remove the content from the internet.**
- **report illegal sexual child abuse images to the Internet Watch Foundation at [www.iwf.org](http://www.iwf.org).**

**Reports about suspicious behaviour towards children and young people in an online environment should be made to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at [www.ceop.uk](http://www.ceop.uk)**

**Where a child or young person may be in immediate danger, always dial 999 for police assistance.**

### **Procedures – Online Conferencing**

**What measures are we introducing to keep young people safe in our online sessions?**

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**Unique Meeting ID and Password Protection** In order to access a scheduled session or workshop, each session will have a unique Meeting ID, and Password, which will be emailed to parents at least thirty minutes before the session start time. The Meeting ID and Password will be different for each session. It is essential that the Meeting ID and Password are not shared publicly – particularly online or via social media. If it is discovered that the Meeting ID and/or Password have been shared, Be Free Young Carers will consider this a breach of its Safeguarding practice, and immediately close down the session.

**Any participant responsible for sharing this information may be permanently removed from the group.**

**The Waiting Room** - The session host, in this instance, the workshop leader, will be responsible for admitting participants into each session. When logging on, participants will be placed into a virtual Waiting Room, where they will remain until the session host grants them access to the session. In the unlikely event that someone from outside of the group has managed to access the Meeting ID and/or Password, the session host will be able to see this, and deny access to the session.

**Chat Functions** - In order to monitor interaction between participants, the Chat Function will be set up so that participants can type a message to the session host only. This is in place to avoid the risk of private conversations between participants, including documents being shared and online bullying. With the option to still speak with the session host, questions or concerns can still be raised, aside from the wider group, should there be a need.

**Record Functions** - In order to ensure that participants are not using the video Record Function, this will be disabled. Session hosts will be notified of any participant trying to use the video Record Function in the session and will be able to deny permission. In the unlikely event that a session host wishes to record a session, even for just a short period within a session, parents will be notified via email in advance to explain the purpose for this recording. This prior warning will give parents enough time to deny permission for their child to be recorded, or to request that their child is withdrawn from session activity during the period of recording.

**Session Host and Session Co-Host** - Each session hosted will always have two supervising adults present. Each adult has been assigned following an acceptable Enhanced DBS check, and current Safeguarding training. Having two supervising adults present in each session allows for both additional technical and additional pastoral support for each young person. Each session host and session co-host is presented with a list of expected conduct:

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- 1. Sessions should always be conducted from an appropriate confidential space within their remote location, i.e., a seating area, an office space. It will be deemed highly inappropriate for a session to take place in a personal space such as a bedroom or bathroom.**
- 2. Session hosts should present themselves – in both conduct and appearance – in a professional manner, expected of all employees of Be Free Young Carers.**
- 3. Session hosts should plan flexible sessions to suit young people of varying levels of experience and comfortability. They should respond to the needs and responses of each young person that they work with.**
- 4. Session hosts should ensure they are aware of physical, emotional and behavioural barriers that might cause a young person to struggle with a specific part of a session. All attempts should be made to avoid any such barriers from limiting a young person's involvement in a session and should be treated with caution and concern at all times.**
- 5. Session hosts ensure that they have contact with parents at the beginning and the end of a session to ensure that the best care and support is always provided for their child, in line with both the wishes of the parent and the strictest concern for safeguarding.**

### **Sources of information**

The government, law enforcement services, children's charities and industry representatives have developed a range of safety materials to encourage safe and responsible use of the internet. Many of these resources are available online to download.

### **Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)**

The CEOP is a police organisation concerned with the protection of children and young people from sexual abuse and exploitation, with a particular focus on the online environment. It also runs an education programme called 'Thinkuknow' for professionals to use with children and young people to help keep them safe online. In association with the Virtual Global Taskforce, an international group of agencies that tackle abuse, CEOP provides an online facility for people to report sexually inappropriate or potentially illegal online activity towards a child or young person. This might include an adult who is engaging a child in an online conversation in a way that makes the child feel sexually uncomfortable, exposing a child to illegal or pornographic material, or trying to meet a child for sexual purposes.

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**Where a child or young person may be in immediate danger, always dial 999 for police assistance.**

**[www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)**

### **Childnet International**

**Childnet International is a charity that is helping to make the internet a safe place for children. It has developed a set of award-winning resources called 'Know IT' All that aim to educate young people, parents, teachers and volunteers about safe and positive use of the internet.**

**[www.childnet-int.org](http://www.childnet-int.org)**

### **ChildLine**

**ChildLine is a service provided by the NSPCC that offers a free, confidential helpline for children in danger and distress. Children and young people in the UK may call 0800 1111 to talk about any problem, 24 hours a day.**

**[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)**

### **Data Protection and the Information Commission Office**

**The Information Commissioner's Office has a range of information and guidance on people's rights, responsibilities and obligations related to data protection. 'Keeping your personal information personal' is a guide for young people on looking after their personal information on social networking sites**

**<http://www.ico.gov.uk/Youth/section2/intro.aspx>**

**'Collecting personal information from websites' is a guide to collecting information online. It includes a section on collecting information about children, publishing information about children and parental consent.**

**[http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/data\\_protection/practical\\_application/collecting\\_personal\\_information\\_from\\_websites\\_v1.0.pdf](http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/data_protection/practical_application/collecting_personal_information_from_websites_v1.0.pdf)  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)**

### **EU Kids Online project**

**The EU Kids Online project (2006-2009) examines children's safe use of the internet across 21 countries.**

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**<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/EUKidsOnline/> Home Office Taskforce on Child Protection on the Internet The Home Office Taskforce on Child Protection on the Internet is an authoritative source of information on helping children stay safe online.**

### **Social Networking Guidance:**

**<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/operational-policing/social-networking-guidance/> Guidance for the Moderation of Interactive Services for Children: <http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/operational-policing/moderation-document-final.pdf>**

**<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/operational-policing/crime-disorder/child-protection-taskforce> Good Practice Models and Guidance for the Internet Industry on Chat Services, Instant Messaging and Web-based Services**

**[http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/operational-policing/ho\\_model.pdf](http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/operational-policing/ho_model.pdf) The Internet Advertising Bureau The Internet Advertising Bureau has guidelines on online advertising. [www.iabuk.net](http://www.iabuk.net) Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) The CPSU provides a range of services to support partners in the sports sector including:**

**safeguarding briefings and updates;**

- development and delivery of training and learning resources;**
- supporting organisations to put effective systems and structures in place.**

**[www.thecpsu.org.uk](http://www.thecpsu.org.uk)**

### **CPSU Briefing on Photographs and Images of Children**

**The NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) has created a briefing that gives guidelines on using photographs of children and has a sample permission form for children and parents.**

**[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/Resources/Briefings/PhotographsAndImagesOfChildren\\_wdf60645.pdf](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/Resources/Briefings/PhotographsAndImagesOfChildren_wdf60645.pdf)**

## **Cyberbullying**

**The Teachernet site has a wealth of information on cyberbullying.**

**[www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/tacklingbullying/cyberbullying/](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/tacklingbullying/cyberbullying/)**

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### **Internet Watch Foundation**

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) is the UK internet hotline for reporting illegal online content -specifically child sexual abuse images hosted worldwide and criminally obscene and incitement to racial hatred content which is hosted in the UK. The IWF works in partnership with the online industry, the Government, law enforcement agencies and other hotlines abroad to remove such content from the internet. A prominent link for reporting illegal content appears on the home page of the IWF website.

[www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)

### **Teachtoday**

‘Teachtoday’ provides resources for teachers on the responsible and safe use of new and existing communications technologies. It aims to help schools:

- understand new mobile and internet technologies, including social networking;
- know what action to take when facing problems;
- find resources to support the teaching of positive, responsible and safe use of technology.

[www.teachtoday.eu](http://www.teachtoday.eu)

### **Further Safeguarding Support**

Should there be any concerns, from a parent, young person or online session host, about the safety and welfare of a young person who takes part in any online session hosted by Be Free Young Carers, this should be raised with our Designated Safeguarding Lead:

**Sabiene North, Director, 07394942641**  
**Loretta Light, Safeguarding Trustee**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the organisation’s senior point of contact with responsibility for the safety and welfare of young people.

Should anyone need to disclose a concern, seek advice, or request support to contact external agencies, the contact details above can be used to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead.



**Approved by Trustees  
July 2023**

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**Additional guidance on how to keep young people safe online can be found on the NSPCC website:**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>**