



1. The Dove Service believes that children must be protected from harm at all times.
2. We believe every child and young person should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children and young people we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
3. We want children and young people who use or have contact with this organisation to enjoy what we have to offer in safety.
4. We want parents and carers who use or attend our organisation to be supported to care for their children in a way that promotes their child's health and well-being and keeps them safe.
5. We will achieve this by having in place a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), an effective child protection procedure and by following National and Local guidance; Working Together to Safeguard Children, the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Board Child Protection Procedures www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk; www.staffsscb.org.uk and other Local Authority procedures for the areas in which we deliver services, as required.
6. If we discover or suspect a child/young person is suffering harm we will notify Children's Services or the police in order that they can be protected if necessary.
7. This Child Protection policy and our child protection procedure apply to all staff, volunteers and users of the Dove Service and anyone carrying out any work for us or using our premises.
8. We will review our Child Protection Policy and procedures at least every 2 years to make sure they are still relevant and effective.

Signed:

Date: 17th September 2020

Miss Charlie O'Dell
CEO & Designated Safeguarding Lead