

Children and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy

PCI are committed to complying with legislation and statutory guidance to protect children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect. PCI has an effective process for identifying and responding appropriately to signs and allegations of abuse. There is also an effective process for preventing abuse before it occurs and minimising the risks of further abuse once it has started.

PCI Ltd have appointed Victoria Stone as the Main Contractor Safeguarding Lead for children and adults and all the team members have been informed about this.

A child is defined as a person under the age of 18. An 'Adult at Risk' is any adult who has needs for care and support by reason of mental or other disability, age, or illness; whether or not the L.A. is meeting any of those needs, is experiencing, or is at risk of abuse or neglect; as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect. The Care Act 2014 introduced the term 'Adult at Risk' replacing the phrase 'vulnerable adult', however the two are used interchangeably withing this policy and supporting documents.

All team members are trained to recognise signs of abuse in children and vulnerable adults. Training to take appropriate action including recording and reporting is provided at inductions and at regular intervals.

Any suspicions and allegations of abuse are taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. All concerns are reported to the PCI Safeguarding Lead.

All team members and subcontractors used are required to undergo appropriate DBS checks. PCI does not employ or work with anyone who has been barred from working with children or adults at risk.

Any problems are referred to the PCI Safeguarding Lead.

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