

Lerato Community Initiative

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

Here at Lerato Community Initiative, we provide engagement programmes for youth who are looking to build on interpersonal relationships and other skills they will need to progress in life. We are proactive in our support of young people and have several policies that support our diligence.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people is one of the most important aspects of the work we do. Protecting young people from significant harm depends upon effective joint working between agencies and professionals that have different roles and expertise.

Child protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults, professionals, or volunteers, we all have a responsibility to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

Individual children, especially some of the most vulnerable children and those at greatest risk of social exclusion, will need co-ordinated help from health, education, children's social care, and quite possibly the voluntary sector and other agencies, including youth justice services.

Lerato has a full and detailed Safeguarding Policy that can be viewed on request from:

info@leratocommunityinitiative.org.uk

Our staff receive regular safeguarding training and are expected to act in a professional at all times. They are expected to:

- ✓ be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect;
- ✓ be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to children and vulnerable adults;
- ✓ share and help to analyse information so that an assessment can be made of the vulnerable adult or child's needs and circumstances;
- ✓ contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the vulnerable adult or child's welfare;
- ✓ take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the vulnerable adult or child against specific plans; and
- ✓ work co-operatively with parents, carers and guardians unless this is inconsistent with ensuring the vulnerable adults or child's safety.