



ADULT SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Adult Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.

The Care Act 2014 Chapter 14, Sections 42 – 46 outline the requirements in relation to safeguarding adults.

The Care Act 2014 defines an adult at risk as an adult where a local authority "has reasonable cause to suspect in its area" (whether or not ordinary resident there) (a) has needs for care and support (whether the local authority is meeting any of those needs) (b) is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect and as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it."

RELEVANCE

Children and Young People with SEN are defined as paediatric referrals up to the age of 20 so Vranch House will see a small number of Vulnerable Adults aged 19. In every respect the protections, practises and procedures laid out in our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy will apply to these young people.

RELATED PRACTISE & PROCEDURES

It is possible that staff at Vranch House might encounter evidence of the abuse of an adult acting as a carer for a child referred to a Vranch House service. Members of Staff are advised that there are three common pre-conditions for child abuse in a domestic setting in which one or more adults experience or deliver domestic violence, engage in substance abuse or have mental health issues. All members of staff are obliged and encouraged to discuss any such evidence;

- In the case of a school pupil with the Head of Education, and;
- In the case of a clinical referral with the Designated Clinical Safeguarding Lead.

In either case the relevant member of the Senior Management Team should brief the Chief Executive immediately.