



East Sussex Community Voice

Safeguarding Statement Policy

Policy Schedule

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East Sussex Community Voice (ESCV) takes the welfare of adults, children and the vulnerable very seriously.

ESCV complies with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and pan-Sussex policies and procedures on Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children and these apply to all staff, Board members, volunteers and partner organisations. *Please see the links below for further information.*

All ESCV staff, Board members and volunteers are subject to rigorous checks for their suitability to undertake their chosen role within ESCV. This includes during the interview process and the obtaining of satisfactory references prior to employment. Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken if they are working directly with adults at risk, children and young people.

All staff, Board members and volunteers undergo training in safeguarding as part of their induction programme.

If during the course of their work with ESCV any member of staff, Board member, volunteer or member of a partner organisation has any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of a child or adult, then they should discuss their concerns with Elizabeth Mackie, ESCV Volunteer and Community Liaison Manager and Safeguarding lead for ESCV (contact number 07794 097719).

If the Safeguarding Lead is not available then contact should be made with Liz Lash, Non-Executive Director and Safeguarding Adviser on the ESCV Board of Directors, via the ESCV Administrator (contact number 07794 097713).

It is then the responsibility of the Safeguarding lead to ensure the concern raised is dealt with according to the Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures and to escalate this concern if an immediate risk of significant harm is identified.



This statement should be read in conjunction with the ESCV Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders, the ESCV Policy on Equality and Diversity and the ESCV Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

Links:

Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures

<http://sussexsafeguardingadults.procedures.org.uk/#>

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

<https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/>

Guidance on Raising on Concern About Abuse and Neglect

<https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/what-is-safeguarding/raise-a-concern/>

East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership

<https://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk/what-is-safeguarding/raise-a-concern/>