



## CRiBS' Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children

### Organisation: CRiBS Charitable Trust

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees on: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

- CRiBS is committed to the safeguarding of children and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children at risk of harm and abuse and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of children and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

### We are committed to:

- Following statutory denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and will ensure that as an organisation all CRiBS' workers (whether paid or voluntary) will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by CRiBS.
- Supporting all in CRiBS affected by abuse.

### We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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**We will review this statement and our policy annually.**

If you have any concerns for a child, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for CRiBS.

Mark Leveson Safeguarding Co-Ordinator

Carole Farley Deputy Safeguarding Co-Ordinator

A copy of CRiBS' Safeguarding Policy is available on application to the CRiBS' Office.

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Signed by the Trustee overseeing safeguarding.

Name: Julie Douglas

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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