

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Andover Young Carers believes every child and young person has the right to live free from abuse or neglect regardless of age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status.

Andover Young Carers is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and an open, listening culture where children and young people feel able to share concerns without fear of retribution.

Andover Young Carers acknowledges that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and is committed to prevent abuse and neglect through safeguarding the welfare of all children involved.

Andover Young Carers recognises that health, well-being, ability, disability and need for care and support can affect a person's resilience. We recognise that some people experience barriers, for example to communication in raising concerns or seeking help. We recognise that these factors can vary at different points in people's lives.

Andover Young Carers recognises that there is a legal framework within which we need to work to safeguard children and young people who have needs for care and support and for protecting those who are unable to take action to protect themselves. We will act in accordance with the relevant safeguarding children legislation and with local statutory safeguarding procedures.

Actions taken by Andover Young Carers will be consistent with the principles of child protection and safeguarding policies, ensuring that any action taken is prompt, proportionate and that it includes and respects the voice of the child concerned.