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this means all staff members, volunteers, members
all those accessing and visiting our services have so

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding includes everything that is done to PREVENT a person from experiencing abuse and PROTECT those who have experienced abuse when it is reported.

What is Abuse?

Abuse is mistreatment by any other person or persons that violates a person's human and civil rights. The abuse can vary - from treating someone with disrespect in a way that significantly affects the person's quality of life, to actual physical or mental suffering.

Forms of abuse may include:

- ✘ Physical Abuse
- ✘ Sexual Abuse
- ✘ Emotional / Psychological Abuse
- ✘ Financial Abuse
- ✘ Domestic Abuse and Control

Abuse can also involve neglecting to do something which results in failing to meet care and support needs.

Other forms of abuse include:

- ✘ Grooming - gaining someone's trust with the sole aim to carry out abuse
- ✘ Exploitation - manipulating a person for financial, sexual or other gains
- ✘ Discriminatory Abuse - whereby you are treated differently because of whom or what you are

Abuse can be a one-off or happen repeatedly.

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... one's business and within MindWise
... members of the Board of Trustees and
... have safeguarding responsibilities.

What Does MindWise do to Prevent and Protect?

We are committed to implementing the Co-operating to Safeguarding Children and Young People in Northern Ireland and Adult Safeguarding Operational Procedures NI.

This includes a commitment to work in partnership with the Department for Health, the local Health & Social Care Trust and other organisations – including the police – where appropriate.

We also have a Co-operating and Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedure in place.

Our safeguarding culture and practices include: effective recruitment, training, risk management and learning and development strategies at every level in the organisation.

We commit to learning from any safeguarding issues which arise and support our staff, volunteers, board members and clients to do the same.

What Should You Also be Aware Of?

You might experience abuse yourself or observe it happening to other people. Someone might tell you about abuse they are experiencing.

You might also see certain behaviours which might become a safeguarding issue if they are happening often. For example, money being borrowed or someone manipulating another person to do what they want.



How To Report Your Concerns:

If you would like to know more about safeguarding or want to raise a concern, you can speak to the manager of your MindWise service, to your Health and Social Care Trust Key Worker or your Social Worker.

You can also raise safeguarding concerns with our Safeguarding Champions. Contact Anne Doherty, Safeguarding Champion on 02890402323 or by emailing anne.doherty@mindwisenv.org or Jackie McCaughey, Deputy Safeguarding Champion on 02890402323 or by emailing jackie.mccaughey@mindwisenv.org

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What is Safeguarding?

Information for those
accessing our services and
their families, friends and carers

