

SHIPLEY COLLEGE
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

(This policy has been developed in collaboration with the Bradford Confederations).

"Policy statement on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults in education and training at all locations."

Bradford Confederations are partnerships of education and training providers, including schools, colleges and work based learning organisations working together to enhance the 14 – 19 curriculum for the young people of the District.

Primary responsibility for the welfare, health and safety of young learners and vulnerable adults *enrolled at College* remains with *ShIPLEY College* and any incident or issue with child protection implications should be referred to the *College's* named person.

Primary responsibility for any school pupil attending programmes in College remains with the home school and any incident or issue with child protection implications should be referred to the school's named person.

This policy statement applies to all member agencies of the Confederation. The Confederation is committed to the rights of young people and vulnerable adults within all learning locations, protecting their physical and psychological wellbeing and safeguarding them from all forms of abuse. We will operate in ways that best safeguard the interests of young people and vulnerable adults.

ShIPLEY College is committed to the principles and practices of child protection:

- The needs and interests of young people and vulnerable adults are paramount.
- All people working under the auspices of *ShIPLEY College* carry a responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults.

ShIPLEY College will act in ways that facilitate the development of good practice by: -

- Preventing abuse through safe recruitment policies and the development of safe and secure environments for learning with appropriate supervision and support for staff.
- Creating supportive environments, which enable young people and vulnerable adults to be able to speak out.
- Protecting young people and vulnerable adults from abuse by ensuring appropriate policies; practices and procedures are in place.
- Ensuring that all workers under *ShIPLEY College* auspices have access to an appropriate level of information, instruction and training to ensure that the policies, practices and procedures are used and understood by all members of the *College*.

- Supporting young people and vulnerable adults who may have been abused and supporting those working with them.
- Where members of *Shipleigh College* sub-contract to outside organisations, the service provider is responsible for ensuring that those working closely with or supervising young learners are CRB checked. NB The understanding is we need to CRB check supervisors (the staff directly working with trainees of Work Based Learning. This would include for instance taxi and private hire firms providing transport services between providers. (The debate with regard to the appropriate level of checking will continue with the DfES.)

The *College* facilitates the development of good practice, which reflects Government guidance to safeguard young people and vulnerable adults.

This Policy Statement will be subject to continual revision as the area is subject to statutory review. There will be an annual formal review by the *College*, when we will take advice from the *Confederation Board* and this will be then ratified by the *Confederation Board*.

Terms used in this policy statement:

Young person – any person between the ages of 14 and 18

Vulnerable adult – An adult (a person aged 18 or over) who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.