**CRWIA Stage 1 Screening - key questions**

1. **Name the policy, and describe its overall aims.**

**Safeguarding Policy.**

Befriending Networks is committed to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults from harm including physical, emotional, sexual and financial harm and neglect.

* A vulnerable child who is anyone under the age of 18 years
* A vulnerable adult who is anyone over 16 years of age who is unable to safeguard themselves, their property and their rights. These individuals may be vulnerable to abuse due to their life circumstances or because of their age, health, physical or mental abilities.

1. **What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to the age of 18**

**Article 19** of the UNCRC makes it clear that children and young people have the basic human right to dignity. This means they have the right to be protected from violence, just like everybody else.

Wellbeing ( SHANARRI ) indicator SAFE – ensuring the safety of children and young people.

The policy will give guidelines and procedures regarding to a disclosure, concern or allegation regarding abuse/harm that could come to the attention of staff /board member through direct observation or through a disclosure by a client, volunteer or a third party. This could be in the form of a phone call, email or face to face contact.

1. **What likely impact-direct or indirect – will the policy/measure have on children and young people**

The impact of this policy relates directly to the children and young people who are receiving support from an organisation or is involved with the organisation in regards to volunteering or paid employment.

This Safeguarding Policy will impact on the organisations working with children and young people. This includes the volunteers and staff of these organisations.

**Befriending networks recognise that its staff do not regularly come into contact with vulnerable individuals and it is not detailed in the procedures of Befriending organisations to contact Befriending Networks regarding safeguarding issues. It is unlikely that a disclosure, concern or a direct observation is made regarding abuse/harm of children and young people.**

1. **Which groups of children and young people will be affected?**

Befriending Networks membership organisations works with children and young people living in poverty, those that are affected by disabilities to those that have been victims of abuse.

This policy will affect all types of children and young people.

1. **Will this require a CRWIA**

No

Befriending networks recognise that its staff do not regularly come into contact with vulnerable individuals. This minimises the impact and likelihood of affecting children and young people.

**Authorisation**

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