

## Pecan

### Safeguarding Adults Policy Statement

#### Our Commitment

PECAN is committed to making and keeping a safe and positive environment and we accept the responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all adults involved in accordance with the Care Act 2014.

PECAN's safeguarding adults policy and procedures apply to all individuals involved in PECAN.

PECAN will encourage and support partner organisations, to adopt and demonstrate their commitment to the principles and practice of equality as set out in this safeguarding adults policy and procedures.

In our policy we set out the basic procedures and practicalities first:

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** All adults have the right to be protected from abuse and poor practice. If you have concerns about an adult's safety and/or wellbeing, you **must** act on these.

It is not your responsibility to decide whether an adult has been abused. It is, however, your responsibility to act on any concerns.

- Make sure the adult at risk is safe and that their welfare needs are met.
- Speak out to the Safeguarding Officer, and in their absence the Deputy Safeguarding Officer, and in their absence the CEO – tell them the concern, how it was raised, and any immediate actions taken.
- Fill in an Incident Report Form.

Role	Name	Contact Details
Safeguarding Officer	Chris Price	Chris.price@pecan.org.uk
Deputy Safeguarding Officer	Sharon Burton	<a href="mailto:Sharon.burton@pecan.org.uk">Sharon.burton@pecan.org.uk</a>
Chief Executive Officer	Chris Price	<a href="mailto:Chris.price@pecan.org.uk">Chris.price@pecan.org.uk</a>

#### Making a Referral

##### Adults with a physical or sensory disability and older people (65 year and above)

E: [OPPDContaktteam@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:OPPDContaktteam@southwark.gov.uk)

T: 020 7525 3324

##### Adults aged 18 to 65 with a mental illness

E: [MHContact@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:MHContact@southwark.gov.uk)

T: 020 7525 0088

##### Adults with a learning disability

E: [LearningDisabilitiesDuty@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:LearningDisabilitiesDuty@southwark.gov.uk)

T: 020 7525 2333

**Review date:** Every two years or sooner in the event of legislative changes or revised policies and best practice.

## The six principles of adult safeguarding

The Care Act 2014 sets out the following principles that should underpin safeguarding of adults:

- **Empowerment** - People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.  
“I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens.”
- **Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs.  
“I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help.”
- **Proportionality** – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.  
“I am sure that the professionals will work in my interest, as I see them and they will only get involved as much as needed.”
- **Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need.  
“I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want.”
- **Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.  
“I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together and with me to get the best result for me.”
- **Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.  
“I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they.”

## Approval for this policy statement

At Pecan Trustee Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Paul Jones – Chair of Trustees

Signed:

