Child safeguarding

This document is all about safeguarding children

Section 1 – Introduction

What is child safeguarding?

Safeguarding means everyone working together to make sure children and young people are safe. A child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. Safeguarding is making sure that abuse doesn't happen AND passing on the information if you find out it has happened.

Who has to safeguard children?

Everybody who works or volunteers for Hackney Shed has to think about Safeguarding. Safeguarding works when everyone works together and shares information

Who is a child in the law?

The definition of a 'child' in the Children Act 1989 is 'a person under the age of 18'

Section 2 – Hackney Shed's Safeguarding team

These are the people you need to talk to if you are worried about a child or young person

1. **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

Name: Vicki Hambley

Phone/email: vicki@hackneyshed.org.uk 07927 082 592

2. **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

Name: Julia Couto

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Name: Claudia Rebolledo

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Name: Anna Clover

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3. **Trustee lead for safeguarding**

Name: Sarah Schofield

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Section 3 – What is abuse and neglect?

Here we are going to explain some of the reasons you might need to safeguard a child.

This information can be upsetting. If you feel upset by anything you read here you should find someone you trust to talk to about it

What is abuse and neglect?

Abuse and neglect are forms of mistreatment of a young person. There are lots of different ways children can be abused, these are some.

Abuse could mean a child is being physically hurt, but it could also mean a child isn't being given the things they need. Not being given the things you need (like food, or clean clothes or support) is called neglect.

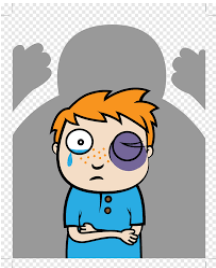
Abuse can also be emotional or sexual

These are things you might see that might mean a child is being mistreated

A child has strange bruises or injuries.

A child is acting very differently than normal.

A child tells you something that makes you worried about them.



A child is upset or angry.

A child is much more quiet than usual

If you notice any of these things it doesn't definitely mean the child is being abused or neglected

BUT you must tell Vicki or Anna or Sarah what you have noticed just in case. Sharing information is safeguarding

SECTION 4 – What do you do next?

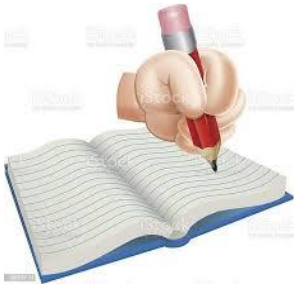
If you are concerned about a child, talk to Anna or Vicki straight away.

If a child tells you something that happened to them these are the steps you need to follow

1. Listen carefully, try not to ask too many questions.

2. Tell them they were right to tell you and you are going to help them

3. Come tell Anna or Vicki as soon as you can



4. Write down everything you remember. Try to remember the exact words a child said if you can

What you mustn't do

1. Never say you will keep something a child says a secret. If a child asks you to keep something a secret you MUST say that you can't do this

2. Never try to guess what happened to someone

3. **Never keep any worries you have about someone to yourself**