



Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy Statement

At Tŷ Hafan we believe that the welfare of children is paramount and no child or group of children will be treated any less favourably than others in being able to access services which meet their particular needs. Tŷ Hafan will exercise its duty of care to safeguard all children with whom the organisation has contact by adhering to the All Wales Child Protection Procedures (2008).

Tŷ Hafan also has a duty to safeguard and protect those individuals with whom it has contact, who may be vulnerable adults, and would, therefore, apply the principles of the Wales Interim Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Abuse (January 2013). Under new legislation (Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014) vulnerable adults are now known as Adults at Risk.

Tŷ Hafan is committed to providing a safe and trusted environment to everyone who comes into contact with the Charity by setting an organisational culture that prioritises safeguarding, so it is safe for people to report incidents and concerns in the knowledge they will be dealt with appropriately. Tŷ Hafan will learn from mistakes and put in place the relevant mechanisms to stop them happening again.

All concerns, and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously by the board, staff and volunteers and they will be responded to appropriately. This may require a referral to children's social care services or the regional safeguarding board for allegations against staff, trustees and other volunteers, and in emergencies, the police. Serious incidents may also be reported to the Charity Commission.

Tŷ Hafan acknowledges that the raising of any safeguarding concern is likely to cause anxiety and distress to families. Tŷ Hafan will endeavour to support families through this difficult process whilst keeping the safety and well being of children and vulnerable adults paramount at all times.

The purpose of this policy is to protect children and young people and vulnerable adults who receive Tŷ Hafan's services and to provide all those within the scope of this policy with the overarching principles that guides our approach to safeguarding, child protection and protection of vulnerable adults.

Tŷ Hafan's Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy is reviewed and scrutinised by the Clinical Governance Committee regularly, or when legislation changes, for onward approval by the board. Children and parents are informed of the policy and procedures within the Charity's Patient Guide. This safeguarding statement is available on the website and displayed in the Charity's premises.