



Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk 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 Wales Safeguarding Procedures (2019).

Tŷ Hafan also has a duty to safeguard and protect those individuals with whom it has contact, who may be vulnerable adults. The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) redefines vulnerable adults as 'adults at risk' and duties to protect such adults are now enshrined in the Wales Safeguarding Procedures (2019).

Tŷ Hafan is committed to providing a safe and trusted environment to everyone who comes into contact with the Charity. It seeks to achieve this by setting an organisational culture that prioritises and promotes safeguarding and wellbeing so it is safe for people to report incidents and concerns in the knowledge they will be dealt with appropriately.

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 will also be reported to the Charity Commission if appropriate.

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 wellbeing of those children or vulnerable adults at risk front of mind at all times.

The purpose of this policy is twofold - to protect children and young people and adults at risk who receive Tŷ Hafan's services or are engaged in any activity for, or with, the Charity; and to ensure that all persons involved with the organisation understand their duties in relation to safeguarding.

This policy is reviewed and scrutinised by the clinical governance committee on a three-yearly basis, 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. Tŷ Hafan's safeguarding statement is available on the website and displayed in the Charity's premises.