

Orchard Vale Trust Policy and Procedures

7.01 Safeguarding Policy

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version:	2.1
Author:	Richard Brook
Policy Owner:	Richard Brook
Date of Approval:	January 2018
Approved By:	Richard Brook
Date of Review:	January 2021
Pages:	1
Policy Replaced:	All previous policies covering safeguarding
Related Policies:	2.02 Equality And Diversity At Work, 2.03 Bullying and Harassment Policy, 5.01 Health & Safety Statement
Legal/External Regulatory Reference:	

Notes

This policy is adopted by Orchard Vale Trust in 2012 and reviewed in August 2015 and supersedes all other organisational and local policies on this topic

Safeguarding Policy

1. Policy

1.1. General Statement

1.2. Orchard Vale Trust will take reasonable steps to ensure residents, staff and visitors are as safe as they can be and that risks are managed. Residents are protected from abuse, or the risk of abuse and their human rights are respected and upheld.

2. Procedures

2.1. Taking Action

2.1.1. We will take steps to prevent abuse and will not tolerate any abusive practice should it occur. Action will immediately be taken to ensure that any abuse identified is stopped and suspected abuse is addressed.

2.2. Working with others

2.2.1. We will work collaboratively with others in relation to all safeguarding matters and has safeguarding policies that link with local authority policies, both with Somerset and Banes. We will follow the referral process and timescales as described in all relevant local and national multi-agency procedures when responding to suspected abuse.

2.3. Best Interests

2.3.1. We will only request authorisation under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 Deprivation of liberty safeguards, when it is in the best interests of the resident and the resident lacks capacity.

2.4. Training

2.4.1. Safeguarding training is an integral part of an effective safeguarding policy. All staff will complete Red Crier Safeguarding Training.

3. Practice Guidance Note

3.1. We take into account the relevant guidance listed below:

3.1.1. No secrets: Guidance on developing and implementing multi – agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse (DH and Home Office, 2000)

3.1.2. Safeguarding Adults: A National Framework of standards for good practice and outcomes in adult protection work (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services 2005)

3.1.3. Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: A guide for hospitals and care homes (DH, 2009)

3.1.4. Information Sharing: Guidance for practitioners and managers (DCSF, 2008)

3.1.5. Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice (DH, 2007)