

Child Exploitation Policy



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Effective child exploitation prevention and response is a critical part of Lilac Alliance's commitment to safeguarding children and providing a safe environment. This policy outlines our strategies for addressing and preventing child exploitation in compliance with relevant legislation and guidance, including but not limited to:

- Regulation 12: The Protection of Children Standard - The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.
- Regulation 42: Notification of Offences - The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.
- Sexual Offences Act 2003.
- Statutory Guidance on Children Who Run Away or Go Missing from Home or Care, 2014.
- Statutory Guidance on Children Who Run Away or Go Missing from Home or Care – Flowchart to Accompany the Statutory Guidance, 2014.
- Child Sexual Exploitation: Definition and Guide for Practitioners.
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.
- Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation Characteristics of Offending.
- Child Sexual Exploitation - Definition and a Guide for Practitioners, Local Leaders, and Decision-Makers Working to Protect Children from Child Sexual Exploitation, February 2017.
- Child Sexual Exploitation Annexes to 'Definition and a Guide for Practitioners, Local Leaders, and Decision-Makers Working to Protect Children from Child Sexual Exploitation', February 2017.
- Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit.

1. Policy Statement:

Lilac Alliance is committed to safeguarding children and preventing child exploitation. This policy outlines our approach to ensuring children's safety and responding effectively to any incidents or concerns related to child exploitation.

2. Prevention:

- Regularly review and update our child exploitation prevention strategies.
- Implement safeguarding measures to protect children from exploitation.
- Provide training to staff on recognizing and preventing child exploitation.

3. Recognizing Exploitation:

- Ensure that staff are trained to recognize the signs and indicators of child exploitation.
- Encourage an environment where children feel safe reporting concerns.

4. Reporting and Response:

- Establish clear reporting procedures for staff to follow when they suspect child exploitation.
- Appoint a Designated Safeguarding Lead to oversee the response to child exploitation concerns.

5. Notification of Offences:

- Comply with Regulation 42 by reporting any relevant offences to the appropriate authorities.
- Cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and child protection services.

6. Risk Assessment and Support:

- Conduct risk assessments for children at risk of exploitation.
- Provide appropriate support and interventions to children at risk or affected by exploitation.

7. Partnerships and Information Sharing:

- Collaborate with local authorities, agencies, and organizations to share information and best practices.
- Follow statutory guidance and information sharing protocols.

8. Training and Awareness:

- Provide ongoing training to staff on child exploitation prevention and response.
- Raise awareness among staff, service users, and stakeholders about the risks and signs of exploitation.

9. Confidentiality and Data Protection:

- Handle all information related to child exploitation cases in compliance with data protection laws.
- Ensure that personal data is only shared on a need-to-know basis and with proper consent.

10. Continuous Improvement:

- Regularly review and update this policy and related procedures to reflect changes in legislation and best practices.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of our child exploitation prevention and response efforts.

11. Compliance:

- Ensure that all policies and practices related to child exploitation are in compliance with relevant regulations and statutory guidance.

12. Reporting and Documentation:

- Maintain comprehensive records of child exploitation concerns, actions taken, and outcomes.
- Report incidents as required by regulatory authorities and stakeholders.

13. Review and Audit:

- Regularly review and audit our child exploitation prevention and response procedures to ensure their continued effectiveness and compliance with changing circumstances, regulations, and best practices.

Lilac Alliance is dedicated to safeguarding children and preventing child exploitation. This policy serves as a foundation for our commitment to protecting the well-being of children and upholding our responsibilities as an organization working with vulnerable populations.

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