YOUNG PEOPLE'S SAFEGUARDING CHARTER

WAKEFIELD & DISTRICT safeguarding children board

Charter created by young people with the help of The Youth Association

THE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS

WHAT WE EXPECT...

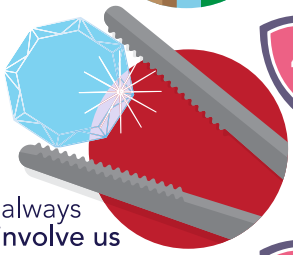
As children and young people in Wakefield, we want all of the adults in our community to help us to be safe and protected. If we have a problem or need your help, we expect that you will:

1. Do your **best** to **help us** be **safe**

2. When there are choices about what can be done, **consider our opinions** and **respect** our wishes

3. Always be **ready to listen** to us and speak with us

4. **Value** us and always **involve us**



5. Treat us with **care** and **respect**

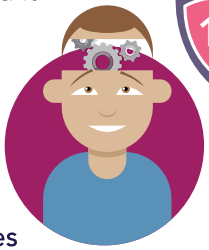
6. **Be clear** about how things work and **what we should expect** to happen

7. Take what we say **seriously**

8. Involve the **right people**, at the right **time**, when **we** need it

9. **Look after** our information and **take care** how you use it

10. Get to know **us** and **understand** our lives



OUR STAFF PLEDGE...

All of the people in Wakefield and District who work directly with children and young people treat your safety as the most important part of what we do. That's why we pledge that we will:

FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Be trained, be professional, be appropriately checked and know what to do if you need help and support
- Listen to you and always take what you say seriously
- Make sure we have considered your safety when we are working with you or you are in our care
- Involve you in decisions about how things are done whenever we can
- Make sure you know how to report any type of concern
- Get to know you, understand you and respect you
- Be able to talk to you in private if that's what you want
- Make sure that clear guidance about how safeguarding works and what should happen in a safeguarding issue is always available and explained to you
- Ask for your feedback about how we're doing and always try to improve

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF ABUSE, BULLYING, EXPLOITATION OR NEGLECT

- Try our best and do all that we can to keep you safe
- Make sure that the person supporting you is helping you in the right way and acting in your best interests
- Take care of information about you, share it carefully and appropriately and only to help keep you and other people safe
- Know when there is a choice of things that can be done, make sure you understand those choices and respect your wishes
- Make sure things happen when they should and always make your safety our priority

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Thank you to all the children and young people who have worked on this Charter. It sets out your clear expectations of how you would like to be treated by the adults you meet.

Wakefield and District Safeguarding Children Board takes its responsibilities to you very seriously. That is why we are asking all board members to sign up to this Charter on behalf of the agencies which they represent. They will then be asked to explain what changes they have made in the way they work with you. We will also keep asking you what more needs to be done to make life in Wakefield safer and better for you, the children and young people who live here.

EDWINA HARRISON, INDEPENDENT CHAIR

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE WORRIED

If something is worrying you it is important to talk to someone you trust. In the Wakefield District if you're worried about your safety or the safety of a friend or family member, you can call Social Care Direct on 0345 8 503 503 where specially trained staff will listen to you and provide support, or you can talk to an adult you trust, for example:

- A Youth Worker
- A Doctor
- A Social Worker
- A Teacher
- A School Nurse
- A Police Officer

You can also get advice from:

- www.childline.org - national website and confidential helpline - 0800 1111
- www.talktofrank.com - national drugs advice website and helpline - 0800 123 6600
- www.missingpeople.org.uk - for children and young people who run away and their families. Telephone or text 116 000
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk - national internet safety website for children, young people and parents
- www.samaritans.org.uk - confidential 24 hour helpline 116 123

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