

Appendix 1

Safeguarding Policy Statement

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees of the Dunamis Fellowship Trust. The Trust is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, and to ensuring their well-being.

To be displayed in a prominent place

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

Name of the organisation: **The Dunamis Fellowship Trust**

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees of the organisation on: February 2024

- This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.
- The Dunamis Fellowship Trust recognises that all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk of harm and abuse and to report any such abuse that is discovered or suspected.
- The DFT recognises the personal dignity and rights of adults and will ensure our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- The DFT believes all adults should enjoy and have access to the life of the DFB&I wherever possible and practical for the individual.
- The DFT undertakes to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.
- The DFT believes every child should be valued, safe and happy. The DFT wants to be sure children in contact with the organisation know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

The DFT is committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults, and will ensure as an organisation all workers will work within the safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Everyone acting on behalf of the DFT abides by this safeguarding policy.
- Supporting, as far as is practicable and reasonable, those in the organisation who have chosen to make it known they are or have been affected by abuse.

The DFT recognises:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police must be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The DFT will review this statement and policy annually.

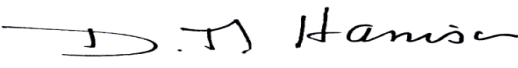
If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding coordinators for this organisation.

A copy of this organisation's policy can be seen at:
www.dunamis.org.uk/resources/guidelines/

See Appendix 6 for details Deirdre Harrison Safeguarding Coordinator

See Appendix 6 for details (to be confirmed) Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator

Signed for and on behalf of The Dunamis Fellowship Trust

Signed  *Deirdre Harrison*

Safeguarding Coordinator

Date 09 Feb 2024

Adoption of the policy

Date Reviewed: February 2024