

Breastfeeding Together is committed to keeping safe the children and vulnerable young people and adults we may support. We believe no one should ever experience any abuse of any kind and that we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all persons we support to keep them safe and to practice in a way which protects them.

Breastfeeding Together acknowledges its duty to be aware and alert to the signs of abuse and to act appropriately to any allegations, reports or suspicions of abuse. We will ensure that any allegations of abuse or suspicions are dealt with appropriately and the person experiencing abuse is supported, and to stop that abuse occurring.

Breastfeeding Together will endeavour to make this possible by:

- Working to promote the rights of all people to live free from abuse and coercion.
- Working to promote the freedom and dignity of the person who has or is experiencing abuse.
- Working to ensure the safety and wellbeing of people who do not have the capacity to decide how they want to respond to abuse that they are experiencing.
- Managing services in a way which promotes safety and prevents abuse.
- Recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made.
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training.
- Acting within its confidentiality policy and will usually gain permission from service users before sharing information about them with another agency.
- Informing service users that where a person is in danger, a child is at risk or a crime has been committed then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the service user's consent.
- Making any appropriate referrals.
- Keeping up to date with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of children and adults.
- Ensuring that the Designated Named Person understands their responsibility to refer incidents of child and adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies.

Breastfeeding Together have a more detailed Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, if you would like a copy of the full policy please email enquiries@breastfeedingtogether.co.uk

