

St Neot Parish Council

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Neot Parish Council take our responsibility for the safety and protection of Councillors, staff, volunteers, and service users seriously. We believe that a child, young person or vulnerable adult should not experience abuse including physical, physiological, sexual, discriminatory, financial, domestic or neglect. We will actively seek to promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults through the provision of services which helps to keep them safe.

Specifically, we commit to the following principles:

- We will seek to protect and safeguard our service users and any others we come into contact with, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults, by instilling safe practices and processes in our service provision.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will raise concerns about potential abuse and/or neglect with our Community Safeguarding Representative and/or Cornwall Councils Designated Safeguarding Officer in a prompt and proper manner.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child, young person or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.