

Gympanzees Safeguarding Procedure for 'Our Home' Lending Library.

The 'Our Home' Lending Library is a free service that will deliver specialized play and activity equipment to our families of children and young adults with disabilities at home.

It will start during the period of Covid-19 lockdown but will continue long term.

Many of these families will have children at high risk from complications of Covid-19 so for the duration of the pandemic there will be additional features to this procedure to minimize any additional Covid-19 risks.

During these lockdowns there is a known increase in Domestic Violence and an increase in child and vulnerable young adult abuse. Domestic violence, on its own, is a form of emotional abuse for all those who witness it.

This policy is written after consultation with SAFE CIC, an organization that is expert in all matters relating to safeguarding and of which Gympanzees is a member.

The policy is designed to keep both the families and Gympanzees staff safe.

- All staff or volunteers running this service are known to Gympanzees.
- They will all have current DBS and safeguarding certification.
- They will visit wearing uniform showing the Gympanzees logo.
- Nothing other than the delivery pack will be taken to or taken away from the home.
- Social distancing will be maintained at all times.
- They will wear all barriers required to minimize infection risk for the family.
- Any equipment used in this service must be able to be fully disinfected between loans, wrapped or put into a box and left for 3 days prior to be taken to the client's house.
- The equipment will be left outside the front door for the family to pick up.
- Staff will not enter the home.
- Staff will remain professional at all times and make it clear that they can only signpost the family to other services but cannot access those for them.

- All visits will require a contemporaneous log to include:
 1. Time spent at the home.
 2. Who was seen or spoken to.
 3. What was heard.
 4. Was anything of concern seen or heard at the home.

- Any concerns raised during this service will be taken immediately to Gympanzees Safeguarding Officers. The safeguarding officer will contact the local social services to discuss the situation with them and act on their advice.

This policy is a supplementary document for Gympanzees Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for Children, Young adults and Adults at risk and should be used in conjunction with that document.

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The local social services for the children will be determined by their address. To find the relevant agencies contact details via their website, carry out an internet search using your preferred search engine and inserting 'LSCB' together with the name of their local council (e.g. city council, metropolitan borough council etc)

The local social services for the adults will be determined by their address. To find the relevant agencies contact details via their website, carry out an internet search using your preferred search engine and inserting 'LSAB' together with the name of their local council (e.g. city council, metropolitan borough council etc)

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