



## **Carer's Guide to Safeguarding**

Gingerbread Corner's primary duty is to safeguard the children in our care. We work to ensure their happiness and wellbeing, and promote their health, welfare and learning.

We work hard to working in real partnership with our families and to build and maintain good relationships with the children's carers.

Our Safeguarding Lead is Gemma Brown, the Head of Child Care Services and Leanne Jones, the CEO, is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Should they be unavailable, the Assistant Safeguarding Lead is Paula Carter. All our records are kept securely and confidentially in line with our Data Protection Policy.

Our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are in line with the guidance and procedures of our Local Safeguarding Children Board. We require our staff to inform our Safeguarding Lead of any concern about any aspect of a child's well-being, no matter how small.

Usually, if there is any concern, one of our staff will have a chat with the carer. Infrequently, we may feel that a referral to Children's Services would be in the family's best interests and, in almost all cases, we will discuss that referral with the parent. Very rarely, if a child is believed to be in immediate and significant danger, a carer may not be spoken to before action is taken.

If you would like any further information, please follow this link <https://www.gingerbreadcorner.co.uk/policies.asp> to see our Safeguarding Policy, or by all means have a chat with one of our Safeguarding Leads.