



## **E-SAFETY POLICY**

**E-Safety** is the safe and responsible use of technology and can also be called 'internet safety', 'online safety' or 'web safety'. This includes the use of the internet and also other means of communication using electronic media (for example: text messages, gaming devices, email, social media). Safeguarding participants against the risks involved in using such technologies (E-Safety) is an important part of an overall safeguarding strategy. We recognise that although banning, blocking and filtering approaches are useful, this cannot be regarded as sufficient protection and we still have a duty of care to participants, staff and volunteers.

### **E-safety risks can be broadly mapped across four areas:**

**Contact:** Which may be unwelcome or inappropriate, including grooming or sexual contact.

**Commerce:** Illegal activity such as phishing or identity theft.

**Content:** This could include inappropriate or illegal content, material that incites racial hatred and criminally obscene content. It also includes the inappropriate public posting of material. This may apply to staff and volunteers equally as to participants, and may include the inappropriate and potentially unsafe posting of personal data, or the posting of material that brings the individual or the provider into disrepute or impacts upon their business.

**Conduct:** Includes activities carried out against the participant and also those carried out by the participant. This category includes anti-social or illegal behaviour, and the ranges of behaviours and activities that make up cyber bullying.

### **Densholme Care Farm have a responsibility to:**

- protect and educate participants, staff and volunteers in their use of technology;
- have the appropriate mechanisms to intervene and support any incident where appropriate.

### **This will be done by:**

1. Having mechanisms in place to educate and support participants, staff and volunteers with online safety and facing online safety issues by ensuring that all staff and volunteers receive appropriate training that is relevant and up-to-date and that this is communicated and encouraged at induction;
2. Promote the Prevent duty and ensure our work is underpinned by the Protected Characteristics responsibilities;
3. The Wi-Fi access being password protected and only known to the Admin Officer and the Supervising Officer and only disclosed when deemed necessary and appropriate;
4. Having an E-Safety policy in place that is clear and understood by all;
5. Ensuring everyone knows what to do and who to approach if they have any concerns.

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## Advice from Humberside Police on E-Safety:

- Not everyone online is who they claim to be;
- Don't 'friend' people you don't know in real life. You don't know who they really are or what their intentions are;
- Be wary of using private chat rooms and don't enter into sexual exchanges;
- Never meet up with someone you have befriended online without taking someone responsible along with you;
- Don't respond to messages that are provocative or threatening;
- If someone is aggressive or inappropriate online, most social networking sites have tools to help you block or delete that person;
- Don't be embarrassed about seeking help if you need it. Acting quickly can limit the damage if you have sent out something you regret;
- Remember your family and other professionals want to ensure you are safe. Let them know all the facts so they can help you;
- If you are worried you have been groomed or coerced, report it to the police and to CEOP (see below for contact info);
- Change your social media account security settings to prevent 'Everyone' being able to find and add you as a friend and send you messages;
- Change your social media account security settings to prevent search engines finding your account profile;
- Change your social media account security settings to prevent 'Everyone' from being able to view your posts, view the posts you have been tagged in and the posts that you have shared;
- Consider changing your social media account security settings so the location data is not publicly available.

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### Additional advice available from:

**Humberside Police** – 101 (non-emergency)

**Prevent Lead (Northbank):** 01482 220751 / 07814397408

**Prevent Lead (Southbank):** 01472 204579 / 01724 244661 / 07944466733

**Channel Coordinator:** 01482 220750 / 07525232666

**CEOP** (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) <https://ceop.police.uk/>

**Email:** [communication@nca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:communication@nca.x.gsi.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 0370 496 7622 (available 24/7)

**East Riding Safeguarding Children's Board** – Tel: (01482) 396999 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm)

**East Riding Safeguarding Adult's Board** – 01482 396940

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