



## **Leadership Safeguarding Statement**

The Leadership Team of OMF International (UK) recognises the importance of its ministry with children and young people and adults in need of protection and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.

The following statement was reviewed and agreed by the Leadership Team on: 14 June 2019  
This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being.

Specifically:

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to prevent physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We will take all reasonable steps to provide a happy and safe environment where they are valued. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
- All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults at risk and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of the organisation unless they pose a risk to the safety of those we serve.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children and adults at risk, for or with us.

### **We are committed to:**

- Following the requirements for UK legislation in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk and good practice recommendations.
- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Ensuring that all workers (member, volunteer or paid member of staff) are aware of the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Following any organisational guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults in need of protection.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Co-ordinator/s in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children/ adults at risk.
- Ensuring that all workers are exposed to these recommendations and the guidelines established by this organisation.
- Supporting parents and families.
- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding of children and young people.
- Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring and providing supervision to the relevant role holders.
- Providing appropriate support to all in the organisation affected by abuse.
- Adopting and following the 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards developed by the ThirtyOne:Eight.

**We recognise:**

- Children's Social Services (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult at risk.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Where working outside of the UK, concerns will be reported to the appropriate agencies in the country in which we operate (subject to the principles set out above regarding risk assessment), and their procedures followed, and in addition we will report concerns to our International headquarters.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

We will review this statement and our policy and procedures at least annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult at risk then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for this organisation.

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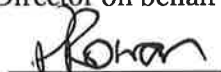
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A copy of the full policy and procedures is available from IPS OMF UK Collaboration Room, OMF UK Manual and ND office.

Signed by the National Director on behalf of the Leadership Team:

Signed



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Policy review date: June 2019

Next Policy Review Date: June 2020, unless review is required earlier