Walking Mums Safeguarding Statement

Walking Mums abides by the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and is committed to safeguarding practice that reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice requirements.

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents.

- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation has an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues

Walking Mums will:

- Protect children and young people who participate in Walking Mums events from harm
- Provide staff and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection

We will do this by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting children and young people
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, and training with regards to our safeguarding policies and procedures
- Ensuring all volunteers and staff are recruited appropriately and safely
- Recording and storing personal data in line with GDPR and registering with the ICO
- Ensuring children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern
- Using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately
- Building a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.

This statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Walking Mums including volunteers.

This statement has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.