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Mentoring, Advocacy
& Peer Support



How we keep your child safe

➔ **Safeguarding Children and Young People is paramount and at the centre of all that MAPS does. This leaflet explains how we keep your child safe and the processes that we follow.**

How do we appoint people who work with young people?

Both paid staff and volunteers are subject to a thorough interview following safer recruitment protocols. They must also provide two references, have an enhanced DBS (police check) and full training and induction to ensure they are safe people and suitable to work with children and young people.

What training do mentors receive?

Mentors receive 16 hours of comprehensive training that includes boundaries and expectations, confidentiality and child safeguarding to equip them to work safely with young people. All MAPS staff are trained in child safeguarding.

Information Sharing/Confidentiality:

Mentoring sessions are confidential. The mentor will keep the information discussed private unless your child advises that, they or someone else have been harmed, are at risk of being harmed or they have deliberately harmed themselves (self harm), or if the law has been broken or may be broken.



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Information Sharing/ Confidentiality (continued)

If your child tells their mentor any of the above, the mentor must share this information with the MAPS team who will follow safeguarding protocols. MAPS will share the information with their designated safeguarding officer and may share it with other organisations or professionals in the best interests of your child.

The purpose of sharing information is to prevent harm and to ensure appropriate support is in place or put in place.

How am I involved in safeguarding?

Your input is vital in keeping your child or young person safe. MAPS ask that if you have any concerns, questions or information to share about your child which you feel affects them, that you contact your mentoring coordinator.

If a safeguarding concern is raised by a mentor or a disclosure is made by your child, MAPS will follow safeguarding protocols which involves us sharing the information with you where appropriate for your

input, notification and support. Safeguarding is a partnership between parents/carers, MAPS, mentors and other professionals.

Risk Assessments

Each mentoring relationship is subject to a risk assessment to ensure that mentoring is a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



If you have any queries, please do get in touch!

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