



## **NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

### **Safeguarding Service Aim/Plan**

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service fully understand our key role in safeguarding the most vulnerable people in our communities. It is our statutory and moral duty to ensure we do everything within our power to keep vulnerable people safe and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

#### **We will:**

- Ensure everyone that works for NYFRS recognise that the protection and safety of vulnerable people is 'Everyone's Responsibility' and therefore have a role to play in safeguarding those most vulnerable from neglect and abuse.
- Adhere to legislative safeguarding frameworks and embrace this statutory duty.
- Align our Safeguarding activities with the Fire Standard Board recommended practices.
- Work in effective partnerships for the protection of those identified as vulnerable and at risk from exploitation or abuse.
- Work in effective partnerships to protect individuals identified as being vulnerable to radicalisation or being drawn into supporting terrorist activity.
- Refer vulnerable children and adults to other partners where there is identified need.
- Raise awareness, educate and train staff and volunteers to recognise, report and refer those who are identified as vulnerable in our communities.
- Ensure that information regarding safeguarding children, young people and adults is proactively shared appropriately across relevant organisations.
- Ensure we have safer recruitment procedures and practices in place to help deter, prevent and detect people wanting to work within our service who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults at risk.
- Comply with data protection legislation when handling personal data; include storage, recording, retention, and destruction of information.

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