

# Safeguarding – Overarching Policy

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### **Summary of Policy:**

This policy sets out the College's commitment to protecting anyone using its services.

### **Senior Manager Responsible for Policy:**

Director of Learning Development

## **1.0 STATEMENT OF POLICY AND COMMITMENT**

The Corporation Board of Tyne Metropolitan College recognises its duty to ensure that the College upholds as the highest of priorities the safeguarding of the entire College community. The College expects all staff, learners and stakeholders to share and support this commitment in all their actions.

In pursuit of this commitment, the Corporation Board will annually review and approve an overarching policy on Safeguarding. A suite of individual policies and procedures has been created under the umbrella of safeguarding as follows:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Children Policy
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy (Adult at Risk)
- Prevent Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- E-Safety Procedure

Tyne Metropolitan College will regularly monitor and revise these policies in order to comply with best practice and will do so in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Boards. The College is a partner in the Children's Trust for North Tyneside and is a representative on the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board.

## **2.0 DUTY OF CARE**

Tyne Metropolitan College has a legal duty of care to safeguard anyone using its services. This relates to any individual accessing the College premises or anyone registered as a College learner who may receive education and training services off site.

Tyne Metropolitan College has put measures in place in order to guard against actual or potential harm to any party accessing either its premises or its services.

The College adheres to its statutory responsibilities as set out in the following legislation and guidance:

- Working together to Safeguard Children (2015) (revised statutory Guidance)
- Childrens Act 2004
- Department for Children, Schools and Families document: 'Keeping Children Safe' (2014)
- Prevent Duty Guidance: for England and Wales (2015)
- Channel: Supporting individuals vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists: A guide for local partnerships (March 2010)
- Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings (June 2015)
- Association of Directors of Adult Social Services 2005 guidance
- Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Munro Report 2011
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

**3.0 MISSION, VISION AND VALUES**

**Mission**

The College mission is “Raising aspirations; changing lives”.

**Vision**

The College vision is: “To excel in everything we do so that more individuals, businesses and communities actively plan their futures in partnership with us”.

**Values**

- Excellence
- Partnership
- Aspiration
- Professionalism
- Innovation
- Inclusion

Through the overarching Safeguarding Policy the College aims to create an environment whereby it can achieve its mission, vision and values.

**4.0 CONTROL OF DOCUMENT**

The senior member of staff with lead responsibility for safeguarding will review this policy for effectiveness and the need for change on an annual cycle. Recommendations for change will be made through the Safeguarding Committee to the Senior Leadership Team and then to the Corporation Board. The latest version of the document will be maintained on the College Toolkit and website.

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**Tracking and validation:** **Executive Officer**

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**Approval:** **Signed: .....**

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**Date: .....**

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**To be reviewed:** **Date: .....**