



Preziosa Therapia Safeguarding Children Policy

Preziosa Therapia is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people engaged in our services. We recognise our statutory duty of care under the Children Act 1989 and 2004 and the principles of Working Together to Safeguard Children, Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023), and the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Partnership (ISPB) procedures.

1. Policy Statement

All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, or identity, have the right to protection from harm. Preziosa Therapia adopts a trauma-aware, person-centred and neuro-affirming approach that places the welfare of the child at the heart of all activity. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

2. Designated Roles

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Louise Rippon – Project Facilitator / DSL, Preziosa Therapia
- Safeguarding Advisor & Local Authority Liaison: CC – Child Protection Social Worker
- No Deputy DSL is currently appointed. The DSL is responsible for ensuring compliance, reporting concerns, and maintaining records.

3. Recognising Abuse

Abuse may include physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect. Staff and volunteers are trained to recognise signs such as changes in behaviour, unexplained injuries, poor attendance, or withdrawal. All concerns, however small, must be reported to the DSL immediately.

4. Reporting and Escalation

Concerns must be recorded factually and shared with the DSL without delay. Where there is immediate risk, contact should be made directly with:

- Isle of Wight MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub): 01983 814545
- Out of Hours: 0300 300 1590
- Police (Emergency): 999
- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 01983 823151

The DSL will liaise with the MASH or relevant agency and record all actions taken.



5. Information Sharing and Confidentiality

Preziosa Therapia follows GDPR principles and shares information only where necessary to protect a child. Records are stored securely and retained in line with statutory requirements.

6. Safer Recruitment and Training

All facilitators and volunteers working with children must hold an Enhanced DBS check. Safeguarding training will be refreshed annually, and all staff must read and understand this policy before working directly with children.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if legislation or local procedures change.

Due: May 2027