Safeguarding Children Policy 2011 - 2013
1.0 Introduction and scope

The purpose of this policy is to clearly define South Essex Homes’ commitment to the Safeguarding of Children and Young Persons to provide guidance to staff, volunteers and contractors who come into contact and or provide services to
residents on behalf of this company and/or in co-operation with other partner agencies. This policy does not effect or remove partner agencies and contractors statutory and legal obligations to adopt their own operational policies and procedures to support safeguarding and information sharing protocols.

2.0 General Policy Statement

It is the policy of South Essex Homes to ensure that in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) guidance and SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) Children Protection Policy, that in all its activities there are proper and effective processes in place to support staff, volunteers, contractors and our customers in safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons. South Essex Homes recognises that all children and young persons have the right to be protected from abuse and takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons known to them who are suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm and will:

- Respond swiftly and appropriately to suspicions or allegations of abuse.
- Have clear published and communicated processes for addressing concerns.
- Provide feedback in relation to achieving targets within Serious Case Review Action plans.
- Train staff and volunteers in recognising abuse and action to be taken.
- Provide residents, staff and others with an opportunity to voice concerns.
- Share information in line with multi-agency information sharing protocols.
- Maintain effective links and joint working protocols with statutory authorities and partner agencies.
- Maintain safe recruitment processes.
- Nominate a Safeguarding Champion as Designated Officer with responsibility for dealing with all allegations or suspicions of abuse.
- Review and revise this policy and procedure as appropriate.
- Enable all stakeholders to be involved in developing and reviewing the service and support we will provide.

3.0 Corporate Aims and objectives

This policy links to South Essex Homes’ aim to ‘Further develop our contribution to local neighbourhoods to improve the quality of life for our residents’.
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