



## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

### **PROMOTING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT**

The following policy has been agreed by the Steering Group, the Representatives and volunteers of the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance and will need to be reviewed in January 2026.

#### **Four Rivers Dementia Alliance is committed to:**

- Promoting a safer environment and culture for the volunteers and all those involved.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to vulnerable adults, younger people and children within the communities it serves.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

#### **Four Rivers Dementia Alliance will:**

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for vulnerable adults, younger people and children to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving people of all ages undertaken by Four Rivers Dementia Alliance.
- Display on the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect anyone affected by dementia when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, notifying the statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Monitor and show concern for any member of the community who may pose a risk to people of all ages whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that policies, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed bi-annually, especially those linked to recruitment.

Each person who volunteers for Four Rivers Dementia Alliance will have access to this policy via the website and agree to abide the guidelines.

Chairperson – Elizabeth Hitchins

Signed.....*E Hitchins*.....

Date: January 2024