



**Swindon SEND
Families Voice**

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Overview

My name is Rebecca Harrison and I am a parent representative for Swindon SEND Families Voice (SSFV) and also the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the team.

A safeguarding lead is someone who has the overall responsibility for ensuring a company's safeguarding policy is adhered to. You can find SSFVs Safeguarding Policy on our website.

<https://swindonsendfamiliesvoice.org.uk>

Safeguarding is about keeping children and adults safe from significant risk of harm.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility, but the Designated Safeguarding Lead has a key role to play in making sure that Safeguarding is a central focus and is managed appropriately.

Key Responsibilities

Designated Safeguarding Officers have a number of responsibilities, including:

- 1.) Being the first point-of-call for all parents, committee members and volunteers who have safeguarding concerns.
- 2.) Drawing up and enforcing the company's safeguarding policy.
- 3.) Being alert to and recognising welfare issues, being sure to challenge poor practice.
- 4.) Sharing appropriate information with relevant people.
- 5.) Gathering any relevant information and evidence.
- 6.) Consulting local safeguarding children board procedures for additional information and guidance if needed.
- 7.) Making referrals to Children's Social Care when appropriate.
- 8.) Working with families, sharing information and contributing to plans if the concern is investigated.
- 9.) Ensuring that all the committee members and volunteers having contact with children, vulnerable adults and/or their families have received appropriate training on safeguarding issues.

What Can you do if you have a worry about a child?

If you have a significant worry about a child or vulnerable adult who you think is at risk of harm you should contact your local children's social care referral or safeguarding team. In Swindon this team is called the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and you can contact them on: 01793 466903

If the risk of harm to the child or vulnerable adult is immediate and you think they could be seriously hurt please call 999 or 101 and ask for immediate police action.

If you have a worry about a child or vulnerable adult that you are not sure about or want to discuss further in relation to Swindon SEND Families Voice please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Rebecca Harrison** at the following **Email address:** dsl.ssfv@gmail.com.