



Safeguarding Policy

Leighton Buzzard Voluntary Patient Transport (LBVPT) regards the protection and safeguarding of clients and volunteers and good working practice as a priority. In the interests of the safety and well being of all it has developed and operates a formal safeguarding policy.

The LBVPT Management Committee (the Committee) has oversight of the organisation known as LBVPT, and this policy refers also to all the activities, volunteers and clients of that organisation.

LBVPT is committed to ensuring that everyone involved in providing the service:

- has been safely recruited,
- is adequately trained and supervised,
- understands and follows the safeguarding policy,

Before undertaking any "regulated" activity, as defined by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), LBVPT volunteers must first undergo DBS checks (see also LBVPT Volunteer Guidance)

The safeguarding policy may be viewed at www.lbvpt.co.uk.

Should LBVPT have any safeguarding concerns, they will seek advice and if appropriate contact the statutory authorities.

- LBVPT is committed to the safeguarding of clients and volunteers as well as ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of clients and volunteers and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will provide LBVPT's services.

We are committed to:

- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by LBVPT.

We recognise:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a client or volunteer or in relation to any safeguarding matter then please contact the LBVPT Management Committee.