

Online Safety Policy

Young Epilepsy is committed to educating and supporting children and young people in the safe use and benefits of Internet, Digital and Mobile Technologies (IDMTs) and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Young Epilepsy recognises its duty under legislation and guidance to make arrangements to ensure that functions are carried out with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students.

The procedures that implement this policy will ensure that the appropriate action is taken immediately where there is an online safety concern so that children, young people and vulnerable adults are kept safe. The prime concern at all times will be the interests and safety of the students.

Young Epilepsy has robust systems in place for the monitoring and filtering of online content, but this is within a framework of enabling children and young people to access the wide ranging benefits of the internet and mobile devices.

It is the duty and responsibility of every member of staff to ensure that they are familiar with the Online Safety Policy and Procedures.

It is also the duty of each member of staff to take immediate appropriate action and report any online safety concerns about a student at Young Epilepsy. If there is any doubt about whether it is a concern or not, staff should discuss this with the Safeguarding Team.

Young Epilepsy recognises the benefits and opportunities that IDMTs offer to the organisation and their capabilities to enhance skills, services, promote achievement and to enable independent learning.

Our approach is to identify and implement reasonable safety measures, whilst continuing to provide support and training to staff and students in managing risk independently and with confidence with using emerging and changing technology.

This policy is agreed by the Trust Board and will be implemented by all departments.

Signed:
Carol Long
Chief Executive Officer

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