

Online Safety Policy

Young Epilepsy is committed to educating and supporting children, young adults and staff 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 support and enable all children and young adults to use the internet and mobile technologies safely, as part of our safeguarding duty.

The procedures that apply to this policy will ensure that appropriate preventative measures are taken to keep children and young adults safe and also that action is taken immediately where there is an online safety concern. The prime concern at all times will be the best interests and safety of the students.

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

It is the duty and responsibility of every member of staff who work with students 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 Charity and their capabilities to enhance skills, services, promote achievement, support inclusion and interaction and to enable independent learning for students.

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 Executive team will be implemented by all departments.

Date: 13 December 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rosemarie Pardington'.

Signed:
**Rosemarie Pardington Director of Integrated
Care**

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