

Safeguarding Statement

Second Chances Intervention CIC (SCI) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We believe every young person deserves safety, stability and the opportunity to thrive. Safeguarding is central to all our work, and we operate a robust safeguarding culture supported by qualified practitioners, clear policies and strong multi-agency collaboration.

SCI follows statutory guidance including *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026)* and *Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)*. All staff receive safeguarding induction, annual training and regular supervision. Concerns are responded to promptly, professionally and in partnership with schools, local authorities and safeguarding agencies.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Allison Boyle — Qualified Social Worker

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Merrick Osborne — Director & Lead Practitioner

If you have a safeguarding concern relating to SCI's work, please contact:

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Safeguarding Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines SCI's commitment to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. It explains how we create safe environments, respond to concerns and work collaboratively with schools, local authorities and safeguarding partners.

2. Our Commitment

SCI ensures:

- A strong safeguarding culture embedded across all practice
- Trauma-informed, relational intervention

- Clear professional boundaries
- Safe gym-based and educational environments
- Regular safeguarding supervision for staff
- Mandatory safeguarding training
- Secure and confidential record-keeping
- Multi-agency collaboration for risk management

“Supervision is a protected, confidential professional space that promotes safe practice, emotional containment, clear professional boundaries and reflective learning.”

3. Roles & Responsibilities

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All SCI staff, contractors and volunteers share responsibility for safeguarding and must follow SCI policies and statutory guidance.

4. What We Safeguard Against

SCI works with young people experiencing:

- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Exploitation risk
- Contextual safeguarding concerns
- Attendance issues
- Risk of exclusion
- Family instability
- Mental health challenges

“SCI delivers structured intervention... to reduce risks of exploitation, offending, exclusion from education and family breakdown.”

5. Responding to Concerns

SCI ensures:

- Immediate action where a child is at risk
- Clear reporting to the DSL
- Timely information sharing with schools and safeguarding partners
- Accurate, secure documentation
- Professional follow-up and multi-agency coordination

6. Training & Supervision

All staff receive:

- Safeguarding induction
- Annual safeguarding training
- Regular safeguarding supervision
- Additional training where needed (e.g., exploitation, trauma-informed practice)

“All staff are required to attend monthly supervision, with additional or immediate supervision following incidents or safeguarding concerns.”

7. Safe Practice

SCI ensures:

- Safe gym environments
- Risk assessments
- Professional boundaries

- Trauma-informed relational practice
- Secure digital record-keeping
- Confidentiality in line with UK GDPR

8. Multi-Agency Working

SCI collaborates with:

- Schools
- PRUs and APs
- Local authorities
- Youth offending teams
- Social care
- Community organisations

“SCI participates in multi-agency meetings, information sharing and risk assessments for children on CP, CiN and CLA plans.”

9. Review

This policy is reviewed annually or following any safeguarding incident, legislative change or request from commissioning bodies.