

Safeguarding Statement

Our Mission

To save and enhance lives using our specially trained Dogs' extraordinary sense of smell.

In order to achieve this mission, Medical Detection Dogs:

- Delivers trained dogs capable of detecting, recognising and diagnosing diseases and medical conditions for the protection of health and prevention of sickness
- Conducts and publishes research into the detection, recognition and diagnosis of diseases and medical conditions by the use of dogs for the public benefit
- Aims to be an authoritative and respected voice promoting the use of canine olfactory ability both in the UK and internationally

Safeguarding Statement of Intent

Medical Detection Dogs recognises the following key principles in its work:

- The welfare of the children or vulnerable adults that come into contact with MDD staff and volunteers is paramount at all times
- All people, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and protecting them from harm is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and vulnerable adults has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately within a clearly defined framework
- All the charity's trustees, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report any concerns to the **Designated Safeguarding Leads** (see the **MDD Safeguarding Reporting Procedure**)
- The charity also has a duty to do everything possible to ensure that staff are not put into potentially difficult or compromising situations

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Claire Baker, People Engagement Manager

Secondary Designated Safeguarding Lead (SDSL): Claire Pesterfield (Medical Liaison Coordinator)

Nominated Trustee: Dr Alan Makepeace

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MDD Safeguarding Reporting Procedure

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