



Bluebells Community Club

What did you do?

Liz and Beatty provided development support to Bluebells Community Club to develop their Child Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies. Once these were in place, we supported them to develop a robust Child Protection Risk Assessment that staff and volunteers can use when planning and delivering their activities.

This preparation has given managers the confidence to expand their programme, knowing that they have robust procedures in place and can demonstrate their commitment to safe practice.

What support did Salford CVS give?

Hannah, the Project Manager from Bluebells Community Club attended our Essential Information Day at Swinton Masonic Hall in May 2024. She met members of the Development and Grants teams including Liz, the Safeguarding Development Worker. Hannah explained the work that Bluebells Community Club do in supporting children and young people from the Jewish Community with after school and holiday activities.

Safeguarding support received

Helped them to develop a:

- Child Safeguarding policy
- Health and Safety policy
- Child Protection Risk Assessment



Liz shared our Child Safeguarding policy template and a link to Salford Safer Children's Partnership training events. Liz was also able to link Hannah with Beatty from the Development team for support with other policies.

Following this initial meeting, Hannah updated the Bluebells Community Club Child Safeguarding policy and submitted it to Liz to review. This process ensured that the current policy meets best practice and is a useful tool for staff and volunteers. Further to this, Hannah was supported to create a Child Protection Risk Assessment. Liz signposted Hannah to the template provided by the Health and Safety Executive and met with her to discuss her initial draft. Bluebells Community Club now has a very practical tool for staff and volunteers to use before they deliver activities.

What difference did it make?

'Ensuring that we have robust risk assessments, and children safeguarding policies in place has enabled us to take on programs and projects which will support and encourage children at a range of emotional wellbeing levels, in the safest way possible. Working with Liz to bring our policies up to industry standards has highlighted for us all the small and seemingly insignificant things which we need to consider as a worst-case scenario, so that should any of it actually play itself out, we are fully prepared to handle it in a suitable and safe manner.'

What advice would you give to another group delivering a similar project?

'Working with both Liz and Beatty at the Salford CVS team was extremely smooth, pleasant and beneficial to our organisation. Both members were polite, and friendly, and extremely knowledgeable in their area of expertise, and only too happy to share their information and help us along our journey.'

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What are the organisation's hopes for the future?

'Now that our policies are robust, we want to focus on offering more support sessions for the young people in our community, confident that we are doing it in a safe and effective manner. We will look to review all our policies again, following every 12 month period.'

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