

In November 2024, Wai Yin Society contacted us to request adult and child safeguarding training for their team.

## What Salford CVS did

We were able to organise two sessions at their venue. In December 2024, Liz Atkinson, Safeguarding Development Worker at Salford CVS delivered an Adult Safeguarding Basic Awareness session for 19 staff members. This session helped staff refresh their knowledge of what safeguarding is and their responsibilities to recognise the 10 types of abuse, to understand the six key principles of safeguarding to respond appropriately and how to report effectively.

In January 2025, Liz delivered a Working Together to Safeguard Children session to 15 staff members. This session supported staff to understand the recent updates to the legislation, to recognise the four main types of abuse and common indicators, how to respond to a disclosure and how to report a concern. The session also supported staff to think about how to manage the impact of safeguarding work on their wellbeing.

As part of the preparation to deliver both sessions, Liz reviewed Wai Yin Society's Adult and Child Safeguarding policies to check that they met good practice and provided written feedback. Following the training sessions she met with Patrick Steele, Wai Yin's Information Officer, to discuss this feedback and offer some practical support as to how they could best amend their policies.

Funding or Support received

Safeguarding support

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## What difference it made

## Wai Yin Society:

'This work has made a valuable difference in keeping our organisation and our staff up to date with safeguarding. By bringing the training in-house with a local safeguarding expert, it strengthens our safeguarding ethos and culture by facilitating internal communication between team members. We were also able to access up-to-date and detailed knowledge of best practice thinking on safeguarding policies.

The impact has been to make our service users feel safer knowing that they are being safeguarded and protected better, and to the highest standards of vigilance that we can offer.'.

'We would encourage any local VCSE sector organisation like ourselves to approach Liz and Salford CVS, in the first instance, for both in-house training, and support with safeguarding policies. The expertise, care and concern, and professionalism is second to none. It can only have a beneficial impact on your service, and for your service users.'

'Great. Can ask questions and learn from others' experiences.'

