



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Hope Cancer Support Centre.

Safeguarding Policy Statement for Hope Cancer Support Centre.

Our Commitment to Safeguard Service Users.

Developing positive relationships between staff and Service Users is a core value in *Hope Cancer Support Centre*. The development of such relationships relies on all staff, therapists and volunteers being aware that the very foundation on which such relationships are built is based on respect for, and dignity of, each individual.

Abuse is a violation of that relationship and an of individual's human and civil rights. The staff, therapists and volunteers in *Hope Cancer Support Centre* are committed to practices which promote the welfare of all our service users, uphold their rights and safeguard them from harm.

We accept and recognise our responsibilities to inform ourselves of the issues that cause harm and to establish and maintain a safe, person-centred environment for those we serve. We are committed to promoting an atmosphere of inclusion, openness and transparency and greatly welcome feedback from the people who use our services, their families, carers, our staff, therapists and volunteers so that we can continue to try to improve our services.

We will strive to safeguard those who use our services by adhering to the HSE Safeguarding Policy – *Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse – National Policy and Procedures*.

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We have a zero tolerance towards abuse and will not tolerate any form of abuse wherever it occurs or whoever is responsible.

The Designated Officer(s) in *Hope Cancer Support Centre* is:

Client Services Manager: Linda O'Reilly