

GOAL acknowledges that it has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in any work that we do in conjunction with any of the Children Centre's from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account.

GOAL will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in GOAL's initiatives through adherence to the Child Protection guidelines adopted by Children's Centre.

A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989).

Policy aims

The aim of the Children Centre's Child Protection Policy is to promote good practice:

- providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of Children Centre
- allow all staff /volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues

GOAL works closely with all Children's Centre and complies with the centres child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures.