

Little Lions Therapy

Helping your child learn new skills, develop independence and build confidence.



Safeguarding Policy

At Little Lions Therapy (LLT), we believe that a child should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and to keep them safe.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect all children who attend little Lions Therapy.
- To provide all staff working at Little Lions Therapy with information around our approach to safeguarding and child protection
- To protect anyone working with Little Lions Therapy from allegations of abuse.

This policy has been drawn up based on the safeguarding board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) procedures Manual and children in NI guidance.

Safeguarding Procedure:

- Where a concern is identified by staff, child or parent it will be highlighted to Sonja Robb, Orla Doherty or Judith Somerville (Occupational Therapists– Little Lions Therapy).
- There will be a consultation with PSNI or Gateway.
- A formal referral will be made to Gateway should the need be identified by the Gateway team.
- All details must be recorded at every stage.
- Little Lions staff will not investigate or judge upon what they hear. Their role is to listen and record the information before passing it along to the appropriate services.
- Little Lions staff will provide and share information where necessary and they will inform the child/parent who brought the concern where information is to be shared.

Contact Numbers:

- Contact number for social services Gateway Team (Western Health and Social Care Trust) 02871314090
- Contact number for PSNI – 999

All Little Lions Therapy staff (Occupational Therapists and Volunteers) have completed their Access NI check.

Where Little Lions therapy is contracted to provide Occupational Therapy services for Third Party organisations e.g. schools, they will adhere to that organisation's safeguarding procedures.

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