



## **Safeguarding Policy Statement for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland (MDI)**

### **Our commitment to safeguarding Members**

Developing positive relationships between staff and members is a core value in Muscular Dystrophy Ireland. The development of such relationships relies on all staff 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 of an individual's human and civil rights. The staff and volunteer's in Muscular Dystrophy Ireland are committed to practices which promote the welfare of all our members, 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 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.

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

**The Designated Liaison Officer (s) for Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at risk of abuse in Muscular Dystrophy Ireland are:**

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