

SAFEGUARDING

COSRT POLICY

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COSRT is committed to an organisation wide and consistent approach to safeguarding in the best interests of Service Users and practitioners. We expect all those associated with the organisation to be aware of what applies to them when carrying out their duties in accordance with areas of safeguarding specific to their work.

Safeguarding encompasses:

- Preventing harm and abuse by demonstrating high standards of professional care
- Responding effectively to allegations of harm and abuse
- Working closely with other relevant agencies and their procedures
- Safe and responsible lone working
- Using learning to improve care for Service Users

Therapists contribute significantly to people's wellbeing and safeguarding plays a vital role in defining that contribution. Appropriate confidentiality and boundaries around the therapeutic relationship, alongside mutual respect for skills and roles are essential elements of the therapeutic work.

COSRT supports individual therapists to work with other agencies in the interests of safeguarding children and adults – recognising that the modalities overseen by COSRT will not be used with children. We work to make individual therapists aware of the importance of their own responsibilities to safeguard themselves in both public and private practices.

COSRT MEMBERS

All COSRT members are expected to be able to demonstrate that they are aware of the relevant statutory framework, which sets out safeguarding principles for their Service User group(s) – and be confident that they can act in accordance with these principles.

We require registered members working in public and private settings to take responsibility for finding out and working to the safeguarding principles and policies of the organisation.

Supervisors have a responsibility to make sure that their knowledge is up-to-date, based on the relevant standards and statutory frameworks, on all matters relating to safeguarding.

Service Users and members of the public should be confident that COSRT and its registered members meet the appropriate professional standards and will always endeavour to provide a safe, knowledgeable and accountable service.

COSRT

COSRT will seek to update registered members on any changes to law relating to safeguarding, as and when necessary.

We will undertake to update information on safeguarding and the statutory requirements for its members and their Service Users as appropriate, in line with current legislation, through the COSRT website and other communications.

Staff at COSRT should be able to signpost enquiries about safeguarding from Members, training organisations and members of the public to the relevant individuals or bodies.



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