

### **Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Healthwatch Havering's definition of a Vulnerable Adult is anyone who due to personal circumstances could be reasonably thought to be in a vulnerable situation and at risk of harm.

Healthwatch Havering adheres up to the Safeguarding policies of Havering Council. We have a commitment to ensure all staff and volunteers understand and adhere to the principles and procedures within that policy. For further information on safeguarding see [www.havering.gov.uk](http://www.havering.gov.uk)

Before commencing work with children and young people Healthwatch Havering staff and volunteers will have undergone a Criminal Record Check (DSB check). In addition as part of the induction process Lead and Active members will undertake the Level 1 Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults training.

All staff and volunteers need to be aware of Healthwatch Havering's commitment to this policy and staff and volunteers and where appropriate additional training will be provided.

In the event of any concerns being raised or allegations of abuse being made you should immediately contact the Local Authority Designated officer at Havering Council, Safeguarding Standards Team on **01708 433999**

To raise concerns around another member of HWH's conduct, please contact a member of the project team who will be aware of the correct procedure to follow.