

Adoption Tees Valley – Regional Adoption Agency

Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and Adoption Tees Valley will operate with that core principle at the heart of its work.

Adoption Tees Valley works within the safeguarding partnership areas of Tees Safeguarding Partnership, and Darlington Safeguarding Partnership.

The aim of the Partnerships are to make sure that those who work with children and their families do it well to keep children safe.

Adoption Tees Valley operates to the safeguarding procedures for children as set out by the Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership, and the principles, procedures and guidance set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). The appropriate procedure is followed dependent on where the child lives.

The Service Manager for Adoption Tees Valley is the Senior Manager with designated responsibility for safeguarding.

All staff in Adoption Tees Valley will undertake safeguarding training appropriate to their role in the agency, with a minimum expectation of at least one safeguarding training per annum. Training will be supported through peer reflective practice sessions, as relevant to any learning from national or regional Safeguarding Reviews.