Safeguarding Accreditation Template

GOER Accreditation Panel Use

1. Child Protection Policies

Detailed Criteria:

[] Policy is readily available to all staff, volunteers, and parents.

[] Policy clearly defines what constitutes abuse and neglect.

[] Policy includes procedures for reporting suspected abuse.

[] Policy addresses confidentiality and information sharing.

[] Policy is regularly reviewed and updated (at least annually).

Significant Comments:

Summary: Child Protection Policies

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments:

2. Staff Training

Detailed Criteria:

[] All staff and volunteers receive initial safeguarding training.

[] Regular refresher training is provided (at least every two years).

[] Training covers identification of abuse, reporting procedures, and safe practices.

[] Records of training are maintained.

[] Training is tailored to the specific roles and responsibilities of staff.

Significant Comments:

Summary: Staff Training

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments:

3. Reporting Procedures

Detailed Criteria:

[] Clear reporting procedures are in place and understood by all staff.

[] Designated safeguarding lead(s) are identified and accessible.

[] Procedures include reporting to external agencies (e.g., child protective services).

[] Records of reported concerns are maintained securely.

[] Staff are supported when raising concerns.

Significant Comments:

Summary: Reporting Procedures

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments:

4. Safe Recruitment

Detailed Criteria:

[] Robust recruitment procedures are in place.

[] Background checks are conducted on all staff and volunteers who work with children.

[] References are obtained and verified.

[] Interview questions address safeguarding issues.

[] A code of conduct is in place and adhered to.

Significant Comments:

Summary: Safe Recruitment

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments:

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5. Physical and Emotional Safety

Detailed Criteria:

[] The environment is safe and free from hazards.

[] Appropriate supervision is provided.

[] Behaviour management policies are in place and consistently applied.

[] Bullying is addressed effectively.

[] Children's emotional well-being is promoted.

Significant Comments:

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Summary: Physical and Emotional Safety

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments:

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6. Online Safety

Detailed Criteria:

[] Online safety policies are in place and address acceptable use, social media, and cyberbullying.

[] Staff and children are educated about online safety risks.

[] Filtering and monitoring systems are in place.

[] Procedures are in place for responding to online safety incidents.

[] Parental consent is obtained for online activities where required.

Significant Comments:

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Summary: Online Safety

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

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Overall Summary: Safeguarding Standard

[] Fully Complies

[] Partially Complies

[] Falls Below the GOER Standard

Overall Significant Comments Regarding the Safeguarding Standard:

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