



Safeguarding Children Public Information Guide

As members of society, we all have duty to protect children and young people from harm. Prophet Mohammed, (peace be upon him) said

“Allah Almighty will (on the Day of Reckoning) question each person in a position of responsibility about what he (she) was responsible for (in this life”)

Therefore, it is imperative that individuals in the Masjid's are equipped with the knowledge and awareness that will enable them to detect abuse and ill treatment of children, which can include bullying.

Bullying and discrimination is a form of abuse. Both adults and young people bully and discriminate against people. Discriminating or picking on someone because they are different is not acceptable. Often bullying includes things like name calling, hitting, smacking, punching, standing or crouching for long periods, and threatening behaviour.

Being bullied creates all kinds of emotions including feeling frightened, confused, alone, guilty, unloved and ashamed.

As the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, this proves the importance of anti-bullying in Islam.

‘Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is oppressed.’ The Prophet was asked: “It is right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?” He replied: “By preventing him from oppressing others’

A well established Hadith states that,
“Seeking knowledge is incumbent upon every Muslim”.

The Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) has worked alongside the Midlands Muslim Community (MMC) to develop a guidance document that supports the Masjids in providing a:

- Protective culture that supports children's safety and well-being
- An environment that promotes children's development and behaviour
- A procedure for safe recruitment and ongoing training for new and existing staff.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and welfare of your child or other children in the mosque then please contact the Chairman of the Masjid who is your safeguarding lead and telephone Children's Social Care Services First Response Team or the Police to share your concerns using the contact details below – they will listen and they will help.

First Response (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0800 1313 126 between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am and 4.30pm on Fridays.

In an emergency, outside of those hours, please call 0845 6042886.

Or you can contact the Police on 101 but if it's an emergency please ring 999

For further information please follow the link to the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board at:
www.staffsscb.org.uk/voluntary/faith/

“ Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility ”