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Abuse and **Neglect** are forms of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm, as well as cases where the standard of care does not adequately support the child's health or development.

Child Sexual Exploitation is when children and young people receive something (such as food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, or money) as a result of performing, and/or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of the internet or on mobile phones.

Child Welfare is services and institutions concerned with the physical, social, and psychological well-being of children, particularly children suffering from the effects of poverty or lacking normal parental care and supervision.

Community Care is long-term care for people who are mentally ill, elderly, or disabled which is provided within the community rather than in hospitals or institutions, especially as implemented in the UK under the National Health Service and Community Care Act of 1990.

A **Criminal Offence** is an act harmful not only to an individual or individuals but also to a community, society or the state. Such acts are forbidden and punishable by law.

A **Contracted Service** is any of the following, procurement of services, grants to voluntary sector, service level agreements, lease agreements, shared services and partnership arrangements.

A **Disclosure** is the act or process of revealing, uncovering or the sharing of information.

The **Disclosure Barring Service (DBS)** decides who should be barred from working with vulnerable groups. They maintain two constantly updated lists – one for those barred from working with children, the other for those barred from working with adults.

Domestic Abuse involves any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.

A **Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)** is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to undertake a multi-agency review following a domestic homicide to identify what needs to change to reduce the risk of further incidents.

An **Elected Member** of the Council is responsible to their electorate as: Representatives of a particular ward area, decision makers for the whole Council area, policy makers for future activities of the Council, auditors of the work of the Council, regulators of planning, licensing and other matters required by government and as community leaders.

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E-Safety is a term which means not only the internet but other ways in which young people communicate using electronic media, e.g. mobile phones. It means ensuring that children and young people are protected from harm and supported to achieve the maximum benefit from new and developing technologies without risk to themselves or others.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a collective term for illegal procedures which include the removal of part or all external female genitalia for cultural or other non-therapeutic reasons.

A **Forced Marriage** is a marriage conducted without the valid consent of both parties, where duress is a factor. Duress can involve physical, psychological, sexual, financial and / or emotional pressure.

Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCBs) were established by the Children Act 2004 which gives a statutory responsibility to each locality to have this mechanism in place to safeguard children.

Modern Slavery or human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people who, with the threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, abuse of power or deception are exploited for the purposes of prostitution, forced labour, slavery or other similar practices. Victims are trafficked all over the world, including in and around the UK.

The **Named Safeguarding Officer** will take the lead on safeguarding within the Council.

The **National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)** is a charity campaigning and working in child protection in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.

A **Police and Crime Commissioner** is an elected official in England and Wales charged with securing efficient and effective policing of a police area.

Practice is the carrying out or exercise of a profession. The practice performed by Malvern Hills District Council will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure efficiency.

Procedures are a fixed, step-by-step sequence of activities or course of action (with definite start and end points) that must be followed in the same order to correctly perform a task.

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action the Council takes to promote the welfare of children and adults and protect them from harm.

A **Safeguarding Support Officer** will oversee the implementation of the annual safeguarding action plan and support and advise the Council's contracted services on the development of safeguarding policies, where necessary.

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A **Senior Management Team (SMT)** is a team of individuals at the highest level of the Council's management.

The **South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership** brings together representatives from a range of public, private, voluntary and community sector bodies to seek out effective and sustainable solutions to reducing crime across South Worcestershire.

The term **Staff** refers to all employees of the Council including those on permanent contracts, temporary contracts and agency workers.

Volunteers are people working on behalf of Council without being motivated by financial or material gain.

The **Worcestershire Forum Against Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence** is an independent inter-agency partnership that brings together a range of voluntary and statutory organisations and individuals to work on tackling issues related to domestic abuse and sexual violence across Worcestershire.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) undertakes the licensing function on behalf of the licensing authority, including the administration, regulation and enforcement.

The **Worcestershire Safeguarding Adult's Board** is a statutory multi agency organisation, which brings together agencies who work to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults.

The **Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board** is a statutory multi agency organisation, which brings together agencies who work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.