

LADO CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

DATE:

THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING REMINDS ALL THOSE PRESENT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS CASE.

Information discussed by the agency representative, within the scope of this meeting is strictly confidential and must not be disclosed to third parties, without the express agreement of the partners of the meeting. It should focus on child protection concerns and a clear distinction should be made between fact and opinion.

All agencies should ensure that the minutes are retained in a confidential and appropriately restricted manner. These minutes will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at these meetings should be treated fairly, with respect and without improper discrimination. All work undertaken at the meetings will be informed by a commitment to equal opportunities and effective practice issues in relation to race, gender, sexuality and disability.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To share information to increase the safety, health and wellbeing of children;
2. To determine whether the subject poses a significant risk to any children;
3. To construct jointly and implement an action plan that provides clarity about any investigations required
4. The meeting will identify professional support to all those at risk and what actions are needed to reduce the risk of harm;
5. To improve agency accountability; and
6. Improve support for staff involved in safeguarding cases.

The responsibility to take appropriate actions rests with individual agencies; it is not transferred to the LADO. The role of the LADO is to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to safeguard children.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT WE AGREE TO ABIDE TO THESE PRINCIPLES.