



## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The TRUST Children Support Group UK is a charity set up to provide regular financial help to cover the immediate and urgent ongoing needs of the TRUST Children's Home and Boys Home in Tamil Nadu, India. The Support Group will also make introductions of anyone wishing to visit or volunteer at the Children's Homes to the Director of the homes.

The safeguarding of the children at the TRUST Children's Home and TRUST Boys Home is overseen by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), in accordance with local and national Indian Safeguarding Laws. There are individual care plans for each child, and regular Home Management Committee Meetings with representatives from both Homes and external bodies.

The DCPO is required to give permission for all visitors to the Children's Homes.

The Trustees of the TRUST Children Support Group UK have regular contact with the Director of the TRUST Children's Homes, and a Home Management Committee Meeting has been attended by a member of the board.

In our position of introducing visitors from the UK to the Director, we ask anyone wishing to visit the homes to:

- **Provide two written references**, one from someone who has known the individual for more than 5 years (not a parent or sibling), and one from someone who has known the individual in a professional or educational capacity.
- **Return a signed code of conduct document**

## Reporting

If any safeguarding concerns are raised to the TRUST Children Support Group UK by a volunteer during or after their stay, we will ask them to raise their concern with the Director of the Children's Homes directly.

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