

Vulnerable Child Policy

Children may be vulnerable at various times in their lives and may need a variety of support. Our PSED policy emphasises the importance we attach to emotional wellbeing. Issues may resolve or be temporary according to the child's home circumstances or health. Adults may become aware of difficulties at home and should deal with these sensitively and within confidentiality boundaries. Concerns should be discussed with the Designated Person and logged. Child protection issues may arise for any child and some of the risk factors include:

- A child has a disability
 - A child has a medical condition; SEN
 - Poverty
 - Mental health issues within the family
 - Domestic violence
 - Family break up or changes
 - Bereavement or trauma
 - The family are asylum seekers or
 - The parents are very young or have learning needs.
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- If upon discussion with the Designated Person it is realised that a child is in need of additional support, then the Designated Person will explore other issues and based on need, communicate with other agencies.

Some services, support and advice can be accessed through the Child and Family Support Worker Teams which are currently based at The Willows Children's Centre.