

Welfare Awareness Topic: Safeguarding

Overview – *Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. For as long as you are studying with us, we have a duty of care to look after you. In real terms, that means if you have any issues that are affecting your studies that you feel unable to deal with, the Safeguarding Team can find the right resources to help you.*

We care about your wellbeing and we want nothing more than for you to succeed, to feel supported and able to maintain a healthy balance between your home life, work placement and studies. We work very closely with students that come to us and try to respond with useful compassion. We will listen, without judgement, and establish support as necessary. This may mean linking you in with other BPP services or external charities or organisations or it may mean offering emotional support during a tricky time.

So what do you need to do if you feel you are struggling? There are a few different courses of action available for you, and which route you take is entirely down to what you feel comfortable with:

If you want to speak with someone who is familiar, contact your coach (if you are an apprentice) your personal tutor, or just a tutor you trust, they have the most regular contact with you and can help you access the right support within BPP, escalating to the Safeguarding Team if necessary.

Email the Safeguarding Team directly on safeguarding@bpp.com, we will get back to you within 48hrs and will discuss a suitable plan of action. If you have an urgent concern and are worried for your welfare, please call the Safeguarding Helpline on: 07464 542 636

If you feel this is a matter for the emergency services then (if appropriate) they are always the first point of contact if an immediate response to a crisis is needed.

This is an entirely confidential service and we will not discuss the specifics of your concern with anyone outside of the Safeguarding Team, unless we have your permission or we feel you are in immediate danger of harm.

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If you have a welfare issue that might impact your studies, such as: abuse, online safety, radicalisation, bereavement, addiction, or homelessness, please contact the Safeguarding Team on Safeguarding@bpp.com or call 07464 542 636.

If you are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, have an existing mental health condition or just want someone to talk things through, you can contact the Learning Support Team for further support: LearningSupport@bpp.com

If you are having a difficult time which is affecting your studies, you can contact your Programme Team to discuss options to regularise your academic progression. Your Programme Team can be contacted using the Student Query Form on your learning platform, either the VLE or Hub.

Support

If you would like to talk to the safeguarding team about anything you have just read, we will listen without judgement and signpost you to support. If you would like to talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team then please get in touch: safeguarding@bpp.com