

Children During Visits Policy

Statement and Purpose of the Policy

To ensure that employees protect themselves and Client's young children when visiting Clients homes the following procedure should be allowed.

At initial Client's assessment, it should be noted if young children are to be present at visits and if so, provision made for someone to be available from the Clients choice to look after the young child during this time. This will be noted as part of the Risk Assessment as in some cases to have young children present could be dangerous for the child i.e., during the use of hoist etc.

If it is not possible for the young child to be looked after by a third-party appointment by the Client during the visit, then the Client must ensure the child is in a safe environment during procedures.

At no time should an employee allow themselves to be placed in a room with the young child on their own. An employee should also not allow anyone not appointed by the Client to be alone with the young child during the visit.

Employee should also not involve themselves in games with the young child or give their home address, telephone number or email address to the young child. If there is a particular need to do so, then employees must bring to attention of the young child's parents and the Care Coordinator or Registered Manager before doing so. If neither are available, then contact the on-call supervisor.

At all times employees should be vigilant to the signs of abuse relating to children in a client's home and report any concerns directly to the Care Coordinator or Registered Manager without delay.

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