



CdLS Foundation UK & Ireland

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Charity Reg. No. 1054033

"The CdLS Foundation UK & Ireland is a family support organisation which exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS throughout the world, promoting research, and enabling individuals, families, friends and professionals make informed decisions and plan for the affected person's present and future."

What to do if you are concerned a child is being abused

The CdLS Foundation UK & Ireland does not carry out regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults. However trustees and volunteers are likely to come into contact with children with CdLS and their siblings at family conferences or regional events.

Families who attend the Foundation's events may come from any part of the UK and Ireland.

If at any point you are concerned that a child is being abused you should report your concerns to the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

If possible, concerns should be discussed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy, but given the remit and organisation of the CdLS Foundation, this may not always be possible and SHOULD NOT delay the reporting of concerns to the NSPCC.

A written record of any concerns should also be made and shared using a password protected email with the Designated Lead for Child Protection. This information will be stored centrally and kept secure and confidential.

The Designated Lead for Child Protection is **Mrs Catherine McCarney**.

The deputy Designated Lead for Child Protection is **Mr Ryan Saunders**.

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