

**Trustee with Safeguarding Experience**

**About Us**

North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (NSDAS) is a specialist domestic abuse outreach charity, part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership. We support residents and their children that are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse, living in the boroughs of Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell and Spelthorne in Surrey. We were previously managed by Citizens Advice Elmbridge West and are in an exciting first year as an independent charity.

We are seeking a Trustee with Safeguarding Experience to act as a Safeguarding Lead for the Trustee Board and to contribute to providing an excellent service to our clients.

**Purpose of the trustee role:**

The purpose of this role is to support NSDAS to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is respected and valued.  It is about ensuring that NSDAS is run in a way that actively prevents harm, harassment, bullying, abuse and neglect and to ensure that NSDAS is ready to respond safely and appropriately if there is a problem.

**Responsibilities:**

Trustees are volunteers who are expected to use their skills, knowledge and experience to help guide and govern NSDAS. They work with the Chief Executive and other staff to shape strategy and give direction.

This includes making sure that NSDAS is:

* fulfilling its purpose by offering free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to anyone aged 16 or over affected by domestic abuse within the NSDAS geographical catchment area;
* complying with the law, including upkeep of premises, insurance, recruitment and equipment;
* meeting the requirements and standards needed to work effectively with partner and accrediting organisations;
* securing money to meet current and new demands and ensuring that all funds are used responsibly; and
* raising awareness of domestic abuse issues, promoting and protecting the NSDAS reputation.

In addition the Safeguarding Trustee would:

* review NSDAS' strategic plans and policies to ensure that they reflect safeguarding legislation and best practice;
* work with the senior management team to regularly review whether the practices that the organisation has in place are appropriate;
* be a point of contact for staff and volunteers if someone wishes to raise a safeguarding concern;
* champion safeguarding throughout the organisation and support staff and volunteers to develop their understanding of safeguarding;
* work with the senior management team to oversee safeguarding allegations and monitor the outcomes / lessons learnt; and
* report to the Trustee board on all safeguarding issues, preventative measures, actions taken and lessons learnt.

Further information on the role and duties of a safeguarding trustee can be found on the NCVO website: [Responsibilities of a lead trustee for safeguarding | NCVO](https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/safeguarding/specialist-guides/certain-roles/trustees/lead-responsibilities/#responsibilities)

To apply for this role please send your cv and a statement of why it interests you to Joanna Buttivant (joanna@nsdas.org.uk).    Please also email if you have any questions or would like to set up an initial, informal conversation.