

Child Safe Commitment Statement

At Karuna Hospice Service, we are deeply committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who may come into contact with our services or team members.

Guided by our core values of Humility, Kindness, Respect, and Courage, we affirm our unwavering commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for children, particularly those affected by life-limiting illness in their families or communities.

We are committed to:

- Upholding the rights of all children and young people to feel safe, respected, and heard.
- Creating and maintaining a child-safe culture that prioritises safety and prevents harm.
- Complying with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework and all relevant child protection legislation.
- Ensuring all staff, volunteers, and contractors are screened, trained, and aware of their responsibilities to protect children from harm.
- Responding to all concerns, disclosures, or allegations of abuse seriously and appropriately, in line with our policies and the law.

We recognise that children can be uniquely vulnerable during times of serious illness and bereavement in their families. Our approach to child safety is compassionate, proactive, and trauma informed.

Karuna Hospice Service has zero tolerance for child abuse and remains committed to ongoing improvement in child safety practices across our organisation.

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