## Signature Ballroom

# **Adult Safeguarding Policy**

#### Statement of Intent

Signature Ballroom is committed to safeguarding adults at risk, including those aged 18+ with care and support needs who may be unable to protect themselves from abuse or neglect (Care Act 2014).

### **Key Principles**

Adults have the right to self-determination and choice. Adults may refuse safeguarding intervention unless they lack capacity or there is a wider public protection concern. Safeguarding adults requires consultation and informed decision-making with the individual wherever possible.

### Recognised Types of Harm

Physical, emotional, sexual, or financial abuse. Neglect or abandonment. Exploitation, grooming, or coercion. Abuse from spouses, family, carers, colleagues, professionals, or strangers.

#### **Procedures**

Concerns must be raised with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately. Where consent is given, concerns will be reported to Adult Social Care. Without consent, concerns will only be shared where: - The adult lacks capacity; - There is risk to children or the public; - A serious crime has been committed. All records must be factual, word-for-word, signed, dated, and stored securely.

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: Abi Manly – 07801 802140 All safeguarding concerns should be directed to the DSL in the first instance.