Safeguarding Statement

UDIDIT Driver & Instructor Training

My commitment

At UDIDIT Driver & Instructor Training, I am committed to providing a safe, respectful and supportive learning environment for every pupil.

As a DVSA Approved Driving Instructor, I recognise my responsibility to safeguard the welfare of pupils, particularly children under 18 and adults who may be at risk of harm.

I maintain appropriate professional boundaries, respect individual needs and treat everyone with dignity, fairness and consideration. I aim to provide an environment in which pupils feel comfortable raising concerns.

Responding to safeguarding concerns

I take safeguarding concerns seriously and follow three key principles:

Recognise: Listen carefully, take concerns seriously and respond calmly, without making assumptions or attempting to establish whether an allegation is true.

Record: Make a prompt, accurate and confidential record of the concern, distinguishing between what has been reported and what I have personally observed.

Refer: Where a safeguarding concern requires action, share relevant information promptly with the appropriate safeguarding authorities rather than attempting to investigate the matter myself.

Where a concern involves, or may involve, a parent or guardian, I will refer the information to the appropriate safeguarding authorities rather than contact the parent or guardian about the concern. I will follow their advice regarding any subsequent communication.

Where someone is in immediate danger, I will contact the emergency services.

Confidentiality and professional responsibility

I respect pupils' privacy and handle sensitive information carefully. However, I cannot promise absolute confidentiality where sharing information is necessary to protect someone from harm.

My responsibility is to recognise concerns, respond appropriately and involve those qualified and authorised to deal with them.

Raising a concern

Pupils, parents and carers are encouraged to raise concerns about safety, wellbeing or professional conduct.

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Concerns about my professional conduct may also be raised directly with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).

Safeguarding concerns may be reported directly to the police or the relevant local authority safeguarding service. There is no requirement to contact me first.

My ongoing commitment

Safeguarding is an ongoing professional responsibility. I will keep my knowledge, procedures and working practices under review, taking account of relevant safeguarding guidance and the DVSA Driving Instructor Code of Practice.