



## ***Step up, Safe Space Community Interest Company 13143815***

### ***Statement of charitable Purpose***

The company aims to provide benefit to individuals and families within the local community who may be deemed vulnerable.

The company also aims to provide a positive asset to the local authorities.

the company was set up to achieve the following:

1. Support individuals in the community with mental health issues
2. Support cases of domestic abuse incidents
3. We are always aware of all the welfare issues when having direct or indirect contact with families or individuals and act accordingly with our safeguarding policies.
4. Provide a resource of support to cases involving 'Child Protection'
5. Assess individuals that may be in need and provide support as appropriate, If it is felt the individual would benefit from 'Multi Agency' support referrals will be made to the appropriate provisions.
6. Liaise with the local authorities and receive referrals where it is felt the individual case would benefit from the companies interventions.
7. Provide a service that resources and delivers essential items to those in need, this includes food parcels, health and hygiene essentials and support when dealing with other outside agencies.

The community will benefit by knowing there is support out there. This is vital especially at this time as we are going into another lockdown.

The community will benefit from having a provision that they can use without going through other agencies as individuals will be able to self-refer if they are struggling.

The support provided will be delivered by volunteers who have undergone the appropriate training that is needed in order to ensure needs are met.

*if the company makes any surplus it will be used for...*

- Supplies that will benefit the individuals being supported by the company
- Resourcing training materials for newly appointed volunteers

## **Practical purpose:**

Here at Step up, safe space we recognise the importance of looking after our own and others health and wellbeing.

Step up, safe space was founded in November 2020 and became a registered Community Interest Company in January 2021.

SUSS is a 'not for profit' organisation.

The director of SUSS Naomi Narey is passionate about promoting positive mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus there has been a noticeable rise in poverty, stress, depression and overall uncertainty.

The mental health services have always been overwhelmed with patients, now more than ever it was felt there was a need for a prevention facility which offers vulnerable individuals and families a source of support before the point of 'crisis' is reached.

Our aims and objectives:

- Provide essential living items to those in need- items we can offer- Clothing, Baby items (nappies, wipes, formula etc) , hygiene essentials, food parcels.
- Provide a 'birthday bank' for families who are struggling financially- providing birthday gifts etc

- Provide sensory/mental health and wellbeing boxes (the SUSS box)
- Work in partnership with other local support provisions to ensure the needs of the individual/ family being supported are met.
- Provide a 'listening ear' to anyone who reaches out to us.
- To act as an advocate for individuals and families we support.

The small team of volunteers that enable SUSS to be proactive in supporting the local community have all undergone an induction process in which they are made aware of the company's core values, policies and procedures.

Before undertaking any duties with SUSS all volunteers are required to commit to delivering a service that complies with all legal obligations relating to the company.

All our volunteers are fully committed to delivering a service which promotes 'inclusive' practices.

The following documents are relevant to this statement of purpose:

- SUSS Volunteer confidentiality agreement
- SUSS Safeguarding Policy
- SUSS Volunteer Information
- SUSS Code Of Conduct