

1.13 St Gregory's Child Care Trust Information Sharing Policy

We recognise that parents have the right to know that information they share will be regarded as confidential.

We, at St Gregory's Childcare Trust, are obliged to share confidential information without authorisation from the person who provided it or to whom it relates, if it is in the public interest. That is when

- It is to prevent a crime from being committed or to intervene where one may have been committed or to prevent harm to a child or adult; or
- Not sharing it could be worse than the outcome of having shared it.

The decision should never be made by a single individual, but only with the back-up of management committee officers. The three critical criteria are:

- Evidence that the child is suffering, or is at risk of suffering, significant harm.
- Reasonable cause to believe that a child may be suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm.
- Prevention of significant harm to children and young people or serious harm to adults, including the prevention, detection and prosecution of serious crime.