

## **Solent University Safeguarding Strategy 2023 - 2025**

### **Safeguarding Commitment Statement**

#### **Vision**

The Solent University vision is to provide an outstanding student experience, supporting our students and learners through to success by providing a safe learning and social environment.

#### **Values**

Our safeguarding service will be underpinned by the Solent University values of respect, ownership, inclusivity, engagement, integrity, and teamwork and the welfare of each student will be at the centre of our work.

Together the Solent University team will provide a person-centred approach to all students impacted by a safeguarding concern or presenting at risk of harm. We will listen to the voice of the child or adult and work to build a culture which perpetuates safeguarding as **Everybody's Responsibility**.

#### **Commitment**

At Solent University we are committed to delivering an excellent safeguarding support provision to all students and learners.

As a service we will work in partnership internally and with local services to effectively safeguard those at risk. We will promote good practice, operate in a culture of continuous learning and we will ensure the ongoing development of our staff, working together to protect our students right to live in safety.

#### **Leadership**

The Solent University leadership team are committed to delivery of the Safeguarding Strategy and associated operational plans, thus enabling the ongoing development of our Safeguarding and Prevent provision including the innovative promotion of British Values.

This includes ensuring accountability and governance, driving the message of Safeguarding as **Everybody's Responsibility**, from the Board of Governors and the Vice Chancellors Group through to the department leadership teams.

### **Safeguarding Framework**

The University will provide a robust safeguarding framework supported by the governance structure via the Safeguarding Committee and Principal Safeguarding Officers with oversight from the Equality and Wellbeing Committee.

We will strive to build a safer environment for our students through strong operational measures including a safeguarding referral pathway, risk management and mitigation and wellbeing and support.

We will operate a culture of learning through continuous professional development, learning from our experiences and sharing practice within the national Higher Education networks.

### **Partnerships & Collaboration**

The University has a strong foundation in partnership working both internally and externally. We will continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders from across the city and via national partnerships.

We will work together to deliver innovative safeguarding initiatives, share ideas and be present in the development of the city's approach to ensure that Southampton remains a safe city providing our students with an outstanding University experience.