**WOFFINGTON HOUSE CARE HOME**

**RISK ASSESSMENT – SAFE WORKING PRACTICES**

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| Area relevant to: | Ffrind I Mi – Intergeneration Befriending |

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| Area being assessed: | Children and residents at Woffington House need to be safe during activities. |

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| Risks identified: | Activities taking place could pose a risk to either child or resident. Whether this be from outdoor activities such as gardening to using a hot glue gun for arts and crafts. |

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| Desired outcome: | For residents and children to mutually benefit from each others company throughout these sessions. |

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| Action taken to reduce risk: | Activities – staff to ensure that these are planned ahead, that all resources are on site and in good working order. The activity should be themed so that there is something to work towards to encourage stimulation and discussion so that there is learning taking place, whether it be the children teaching residents the use of IT equipment or residents teaching children the use of crafts, gardening or pigeon racing.  Staffing – management to ensure that appropriate staff that are confident and have the right skills are on site to promote a good activity session. There may be the need for staff to swap Houses during the visit. Children will be accompanied by their own responsible adults(s).  Resources – any resources for the activity should be ordered the week prior to the event, being mindful that they are age appropriate. Any electrical resources should be PAT tested.  Abilities of residents – staff need to be mindful of the individual abilities of residents to reduce them becoming upset or anxious. Activities need to be adapted to suit individual capabilities. If a resident becomes upset, reassurances to be given, they may need a moment away from ‘noise’ allowing them to calm down and return to the activity.  When an activity doesn’t go ‘to plan’ – remember: Does it matter? Have we enjoyed the company and conversations and companionship the activity has provided? What other activities would we like to do when the children visit next time? Is there a particular hobby or interest that we can focus on by either child or resident? |

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Codes: NR: New risk CRC: Current risk continues SNRA: See new risk assessment