

## **Partnership arrangements with other agencies and community organisations**

We recognise that the nature of some of the interventions we'll be funding will have safeguarding and child protection risks; whether it is because they target vulnerable children, or they seek to divert children and young people from criminal activities like gang violence, which may in themselves put these young people at risk. To ensure that our high standards of safeguarding filter right through to grantees and the interventions we are funding on the ground, we will implement a funder's framework approach, modelled on the [Association of Charitable Foundation's Guidance to Foundations](#), which ensures rigorous measures are in place throughout the selection of grantees and delivery of interventions. This includes the hotspot partnerships, which will be supported to design their own safeguarding approaches. Our approach covers:

- **Application & assessment:** All applicants will be asked to provide evidence of safeguarding policies and procedures, we'll review these for robustness and support them to address any gaps. Safeguarding will form an essential part of our due diligence process when assessing applications for funding. Where applicants are 'specified authorities' under the Prevent framework, we'll require compliance with the Prevent Duty
- **Grant award:** Once a grant has been approved, grantees will be familiarised with YEF's safeguarding policies and procedures and the expectations therein. Conditions of Grant will include explicit safeguarding clauses
- **Monitoring:** Grantees will be required to include information about safeguarding incidents in their reporting, and to report serious incidents immediately to their YEF grant manager. We'll ensure all reporting and logging of incidents complies with data protection and GDPR. Where incidents are reported, they will be escalated to the DSO to assess whether the grantee has responded appropriately (including supporting children and young people) and to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent further incidents
- **Escalation of Concerns:** All grantees will be required to report safeguarding incidents where harm or abuse has been caused by staff or volunteers, or by a breach or failure of safeguarding procedures. Grantee policies and procedures will be reviewed, and an action plan agreed to address concerns. If we consider the response to be inadequate, or practice to be unsafe, funding will be suspended.