ScottishPower Foundation Written Statement on Safeguarding Policy

ScottishPower Foundation (the “Foundation”) takes the protection and safety of its beneficiaries, and especially children and vulnerable adults, of paramount importance in its work. The Foundation does not directly provide assistance to children or vulnerable adults but instead provides funding in the UK to registered charitable organisations to support a diverse range of charitable activity.

Conducting effective due diligence assessments of all applicants is a core part of the Foundation’s work and this includes forming a rounded judgement on the potential risks and vulnerabilities whether they are financial, reputational or related to governance.

As part of its due diligence assessment the Foundation will at the initial online application stage, ask applicants to confirm whether they have a written safeguarding policy and when that policy was last reviewed by its Board. If shortlisted for consideration by the Board, and as part of the Foundation’s due diligence check process, applicants will be required to provide a copy of their safeguarding policy before funds are released to them.

In addition, as part of the Foundation’s Good Governance Code, it has an ethics mailbox in order to promote compliance with law and ethical behaviour standards.

The Foundation regularly reviews its Safeguarding policy and has agreed that this will occur not less frequently than every two years.