

# Safe Places Scheme

## Your questions answered

### ***What is a Safe Place?***

A Safe Place is a building like a shop, bank or library that has agreed to be a part of the Safe Places scheme. As members of the Safe Place scheme they will display a Safe Places logo in their window.

### ***Why do we need Safe Places?***

Everyone has the right to feel safe whenever they go out, but sometimes people get lost, feel threatened or lose their belongings. This is when a Safe Place can give the person somewhere to go and get support when they need it.

### ***How does the Safe Places scheme work?***

Members of the Safe Place scheme receive an information card and key ring; this will have the name and the telephone numbers of two people they know and trust. If the individual needs support they will go into a Safe Place where a member of staff will give them reassurance and contact one of the numbers on their information card or key ring. Each Safe Place has a Procedure checklist on site to make sure a consistency approach and the appropriate support is given.

### ***Why do we need to display the Safe Places Logo?***

The Safe Place logo is Nationally recognised, so anyone visiting the Town will be able to recognise the Safe Place scheme and feel reassured that there is support available if they ever need it.

### ***Do I need to be vetted to be a Safe Place?***

No you do not need to be vetted; however there is a process which you should follow. This process is explained during the introduction session as will be given to the Safe Place within the information pack.

### ***How do I become a Safe Place?***

If you would like to become a Safe Place, please contact Anthony Howe on (0191) 643 7057 or email [anthony.howe@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.howe@northtyneside.gov.uk) you will receive a 45 minute introduction session before we present you with the Safe Place logo which is displayed in a prominent place within your business.

