

Maintaining Boundaries

Being a leader within the VPC is based on your ability to build positive relationships with others but specifically young people, but it is important to maintain appropriate boundaries to keep ourselves safe.

We are role models to young people and their families, and we must promote and respect safe spaces and listen to others. We have a responsibility to challenge negative ideas, assumptions, behaviour and language - including our own - whenever it occurs.

How we present ourselves, our interaction with others and our general conduct are highly significant when dealing with an allegation, disclosure, or concern. This does not mean that our relationships should be cold and detached, but we need to be sensitive and support individuals, without placing them or ourselves at risk.

We should listen to, and respond to, everyone's concerns. Avoid discussing information regarding the concerns with those who do not need to know, and be aware of being overheard while speaking or while on the phone.