

## 29th September 2023 - Press Release Appointment of new CEO at The Lisa Maria Foundation

Kerry Hermitage has recently been appointed as the new CEO at the Lisa Maria Foundation. Kerry is a warranted social worker with senior management experience in various social settings, where she has worked with vulnerable adults, children and families who have faced homelessness, mental health struggles, abuse, violence and more. She advocates for change and for the improvement of conditions for vulnerable individuals. Kerry Hermitage commented "Our children and youth deserve and have a right to feel safe and protected. I am very grateful for the opportunity to work on fulfilling the Foundation's commitment to safeguarding and in advocating for safer spaces for children."

By offering guidance and support to various organisations in relation to the safeguarding of children and youth, as well as lobbying for changes in national policies and laws to promote healthy safeguarding practices, The Lisa Maria Foundation aims to use every opportunity to create safer spaces for children in our society. Safeguarding knowledge and measures should not be a choice but rather a responsibility which is compulsory for all those who are entrusted to work with children.

The Chairman of the Lisa Maria Foundation, Tony Zahra commented, "The Foundation Board is extremely pleased to welcome Kerry Hermitage as the new CEO. We are delighted that our new CEO brings a wealth of experience in the social field especially the field the Foundation is so active in. The Foundation would also like to thank Mr Joe Borg for his commitment and dedication over the years and in his former role as CEO."