

Redwick Village Hall Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Introduction

This policy defines how Redwick Village Hall operates to safeguard children, young people, and adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

Application

This policy will apply to all volunteers, contractors and any staff during their work for Redwick Village Hall, this includes the running/participation in activities and events organised by the Hall's Management Committee and Trustees. It does not apply to those events or activities run by Hirers of the Hall who are expected to ensure that they operate in accordance with current child protection and vulnerable adult legislation and guidelines.

Definitions

Children and young people are defined as those persons aged under 18 years old.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment.
- preventing impairment of children's health and development.
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Adult at risk of abuse or neglect

For the purposes of this policy, adult at risk refers to someone aged 18 years or over who, according to paragraph 14.2 of the Care Act 2015:

- has care and support needs;
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect;
- because of their care and support needs is unable to protect themselves against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

If someone has care and support needs but is not currently receiving care or support from a health or care service, they may still be an adult at risk.

Reducing the Threat of Abuse – Trustees and Management Committee

It is much better to avoid the threat of abuse to children and vulnerable adults than to deal with its consequences and it is for this reason that no Trustee or Management Committee members

shall have unsupervised access to children or adults at risk as part of the role at the charity unless appropriately vetted.

Where a Trustee or Management Committee member is required to have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults as part of their role as a Trustee or Management Committee member, they shall follow the procedures as detailed in the associated Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Procedure document.

Reducing the Threat of Abuse – Our Hirers

Hirers are expected to comply with all regulatory and legal obligations associated with their event or activity and as such, much of the liability for child protection and safeguarding is transferred to the Hirer. There is however an obligation on the Trustees and Management Committee to ensure that those Hirers that will be working with children and vulnerable adults are aware of this obligation and this has been done via the Hire Agreement (See Section 12).

Associated Procedures

Please see RVH Safeguarding Procedure for details of how this Policy shall be implemented by the Trustees and Management Committee.

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