



Bembridge Friendship Circle

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SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility:

Safeguarding vulnerable adults is a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific vulnerable adults who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults and/or professionals or volunteers, everyone has a responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults and promote their welfare.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults – and in particular protecting them from significant harm – depends upon effective joint working between agencies and professions that have different roles and expertise.

Some of the most vulnerable adults and those at greater risk of social exclusion, will need co-ordinated help from health, education, social care, and quite possibly the voluntary sector and other agencies including justice service.

For those vulnerable adults who are suffering, or at risk of suffering significant harm, joint working is essential, to safeguard and promote welfare and where necessary to help bring to justice the perpetrators of crimes against them.

All Trustees, Members and Volunteers should:

- ✓ Be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect
- ✓ Be alert to the risks which individual abusers or potential abusers may pose to vulnerable adults
- ✓ Share and help to analyse information so that an assessment can be made of the individual's needs and circumstances
- ✓ Contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the individual's welfare
- ✓ Take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the individual against specific plans
- ✓ Work co-operatively with parents and/or carers unless this is inconsistent with ensuring the individual's safety

As one of its major activities the charity seeks to serve the needs of vulnerable adults.

In doing so the charity takes seriously the welfare of all vulnerable adults who come to its activities or use the Community Minibus.

The charity aims to ensure that they are welcomed into a safe, caring environment with a happy and friendly atmosphere.

The charity recognises that it is the responsibility of each one of its Trustees, Members and Volunteers to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

The charity recognises its responsibility to implement, maintain and regularly review procedures which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse.

The charity is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with vulnerable adults and to providing supervision.

The charity is committed to maintaining good links with the statutory social services authorities.

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