

Netherton Park Community Association

Safeguarding summary

Netherton Park Community Association (NPCA) recognise the importance of its work with children and adults at risk and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care. NPCA is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being.

Specifically:

We require all our staff and volunteers to read and follow the guidelines in this document and our full policy in regard to safeguarding children and adults at risk during their induction and to be notified when the policy is updated.

We require all staff and volunteers to have an up-to-date DBS (renewed between 3 years). and to be trained in Safeguarding. Our Safeguarding Officer is Marie Savin.

We operate 'safe recruitment' procedures, the details of which are set out in the full Safeguarding Policy.

We follow best practice guidelines in our safeguarding training to include the six principles of the Care Act 2014 which are Empowerment, Protection, Prevention, Proportionality, Partnership and Accountability.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect. Procedures for which are set out in our full Policy.

We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

Children and adults have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.

We recognise the personal dignity and rights of those who find themselves victims of forced marriage or modern slavery and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.

All staff, volunteers and trustees will respect NPCAs safeguarding expectations when representing the charity in all settings and locations.

We are committed to:

- Following the requirements for UK legislation, associated statutory guidance and good practice recommendation in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk.

- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Ensuring that employees and associated persons adhere to the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Following any organisational guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk.
- Supporting the Safeguarding Co-ordinator in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children/adults at risk.
- Ensuring that everyone (trustees, employees and associated persons) agrees to abide by this safeguarding statement and the guidelines established by this safeguarding policy.
- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding of children and adults at risk.
- Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring and providing supervision to all those who undertake this work.
- Supporting those affected by abuse.
- Reviewing our Safeguarding Policy and procedures annually

We recognise:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Sefton Children's Services (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. The combined Merseyside Safeguarding Adults Board (The Combined Board or equivalent outside of the combined authority) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult at risk.

Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

For a copy of the full Safeguarding Policy please contact the Centre directly.