



2 Samuel Jones Crescent, Little Paxton PE19 6QY
Registered Charity Number 1173213

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Introduction

The Community Hub (the charity) is a registered charity run for the following purpose.

To provide a safe place for all children and adults to come together and develop new skills in the community by accessing a wide range of groups and activities.

The Charity has adopted this safeguarding children and vulnerable adults policy and expects every adult working or helping at the above address to support it and comply with this policy. Consequently, this policy shall apply to all staff, trustees, managers and volunteers or anyone working on the behalf of the charity.

The safeguarding of those using the facilities for activities (including but not limited dance classes, parties and other social gatherings, sports (including football) is the sole responsibility of the hirer/user. Evidence of appropriate safeguarding measures, policies and procedures is to be sought as part of the hiring process but this does not imply endorsement of their adequacy (or otherwise) by the charity.

Purpose of the Policy

This Policy is intended to protect children and vulnerable adults who receive any service from us, including those who are the children of adults who receive services from us. Under this policy, the term children shall mean any person who is under eighteen years of age.

The Charity believes that no child, young person or vulnerable adult should experience abuse or harm and is committed to the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. This policy is intended to provide guidance to the principles to those who represent us as trustees, volunteers, or staff, to guide our approach to child protection and safeguarding.

The Risks to children and vulnerable adults

Children and vulnerable adults can be vulnerable to different forms of abuse and harm. It is important to us as a Charity that we recognise that abuse and harm of children and vulnerable adults can cover a wide range of circumstances,

- Physical or emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Grooming and exploitation

- Exposure to inappropriate content or behaviour such as violence or criminal behaviour.
- Physical harm when engaging with activities without adequate supervision.

Principles of Safeguarding

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from harm and abuse is essential responsibility for our Charity. We are committed to ensuring that any child or vulnerable adult who comes into contact with our services is properly safeguarded. Every person under this policy must ensure that they play an active role in ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are properly safeguarded,

Every person under this policy holds responsibility for:

- Remaining alert and aware of possible safeguarding risks to children or vulnerable adults.
- Guarding children and vulnerable adults against harmful environments with appropriate actions (for example adequate supervision or ensuring safe environments).
- Taking steps to maintain the safety and wellbeing of children or vulnerable adults engaging with us as a charity.
- Reporting concerns appropriately, inline with child protection to the relevant service
- Maintaining an up-to-date DBS check
- Ensuring policies and procedures are kept up to date.

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This policy has been drawn up based on safeguarding policy, guidance, and legislation, it is intended to put in place a policy to protect children and young people in England.

Any further advice can be found at: www.nspcc.org.uk/childprotection.

Useful Numbers:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111