

THE ASSOCIATION OF TEESDALE DAY CLUBS

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Protecting Vulnerable Adults from Abuse

Introduction

The trustees of the Association of Teesdale Day Clubs (hereafter referred to as “the Association”) are committed to protecting members from abuse wherever possible. This applies to the trustees, staff, volunteers and membership. The Association will endeavour to identify and act on any possible abuse wherever it may occur.

Policy

The Association will comply with any legal requirements under the terms of the Human Rights Act 1998 and subsequent amendments and with safeguarding guidance issued by the Department of Health, Durham County Council and other agencies.

It is the policy of the Association to provide appropriate guidance to the trustees, staff and volunteers to ensure that they are aware of signs that may indicate possible abuse of vulnerable adults and to provide an effective and supportive framework to deal with any instance where any form of abuse is suspected. Guidance on what constitutes abuse is provided in Guideline G07-1.

Principles

- Members of staff, volunteers or trustees of the Association shall not take actions against any person that may be deemed as abuse.
- Any person involved with the Association who infringes this policy will be excluded from that involvement and appropriate action will be taken.
- The Trustees will appoint a suitably qualified person to act as a Named Contact. The name of this person will be displayed on the contacts page of the web site (www.teesdaledayclubs.org.uk) and will be notified to all staff, volunteers and trustees.
- This policy and the associated guideline will be provided to all trustees and staff. Volunteers will be briefed on these documents and referred to the web site for access to the documents.
- Trustees and staff and volunteers are responsible for ensuring that the policy and associated guideline are implemented throughout the organisation.
- The manager and the Named Contact will maintain an awareness of current legislation and guidelines and bring these to the attention of the Board of Trustees as appropriate.

Guidance on types and identification of abuse and the actions to be taken if abuse is suspected is provided in guideline G07-1.

Reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairman:

Date: 15th November 2017