

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 (in future 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 guidance concerning the abuse of vulnerable adults issued by The Department of Health and other agencies.

It is the policy of The Association to provide appropriate training and guidance to the trustees, staff and membership 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.

Principles

- No conscious action shall be taken against any person by members of staff, volunteers or Trustees of The Association 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.
- Any person who suspects that abuse may be occurring should contact the General Manager and / or the Community Worker immediately.
- The responsibility for compliance and for ensuring the success of this policy rests with all individuals within The Association. Particular responsibility rests with the Trustees and staff to ensure that the policy and associated guidance is disseminated throughout the organisations and is applied positively.
- The General Manager 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 G 07-1.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairperson:

Date;