



Kirkley Pocket Parks Group Safeguarding children and adults at risk of harm policy January 2023

1. Purpose

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk of harm or neglect.

This policy defines how Kirkley Pocket Parks Group operates to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk of harm or neglect.

We have a duty of care and are committed to the protection and safety of everyone who comes in to contact with it including; children, young people and adults at risk involved as visitors and as participants in all of our activities both on and off site. We also have a duty to safeguard and support our staff and volunteers.

Definitions

Children and young people are defined as those persons aged under 18 years old. This policy will apply to all staff, contractors and volunteers and will be used to support their work.

“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children” is defined in Working Together 2018 as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children’s health and development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Adult at risk of abuse or neglect

For the purposes of this policy, adult at risk refers to someone over 18 years old who, according to paragraph 42.1 of the Care Act 2014:

- has care and support needs
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect
- as a result of their care and support needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.
- If someone has care and support needs but is not currently receiving care or support from a health or care service they may still be an adult at risk

2. Persons affected

- All staff (committee members), paid and unpaid, this includes Trustees and all volunteers
- All service users
- All visitors and contractors