

### 3. Safeguarding policy

Kirkley Pocket Parks Group has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Kirkley Pocket Parks Group recognises that under the Care Act 2014 it has a duty for the care and protection of adults who are at risk of abuse. It also recognises its responsibilities for the safety and care of children under the Children Act 1989 and 2004 and the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

It is committed to promoting wellbeing, harm prevention and to responding effectively if concerns are raised. Adults will be included in swift and personalised safeguarding responses.

It is also committed to inter agency collaboration on the development and implementation of procedures for the protection of adults vulnerable from abuse, it has a duty and responsibility for making arrangements to ensure all its functions are discharged having regard to safeguarding and promoting the adults at risk of abuse. The policy is about stopping abuse where it is happening and preventing abuse where there is a risk that it may occur.

There can be no excuses for not taking all reasonable action to protect adults at risk of abuse, exploitation, radicalisation and mistreatment. All citizens of the United Kingdom have their rights enshrined within the Human Rights Act 1998. People who are eligible to receive health and community care services may be additionally vulnerable to the violation of these rights by reason of disability, impairment, age or illness.

Kirkley Pocket Parks Group is committed to following the six key Adult principles of safeguarding adults, Making Safeguarding personal and Capacity, Consent and decision making. (Appendix 1 for details)

Kirkley Pocket Parks Group is committed to the following principles:

- The welfare of the child, young person or adult at risk is paramount;
- All children, young people and adults at risk have the right to protection from abuse
- safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: for services to be effective each professional and organisation should play their full part; and
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse must be properly reported to the relevant internal and external authorities and dealt with swiftly and appropriately
- arrangements which set out clearly the processes for sharing information procedures with other professionals and with the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership.
- Committee members, contractors, and volunteers must be clear on appropriate behaviour and responses. Where appropriate, failure by committee members, volunteers and contractors to maintain standards may be asked to leave a project.
- We promote a culture that enables issues about safeguarding and promoting welfare to be addressed;
- All Committee members are aware of the policy and procedures for the protection of children, young people and adults at risk through appropriate safeguarding training, supervision and support for staff and for creating an environment where people feel able to raise concerns and feel supported in meeting their safeguarding role;
- Committee members are given a mandatory induction, which includes familiarisation with safeguarding responsibilities and procedures to be followed if anyone has any concerns.
- a clear line of accountability for the provision of safe services exists.
- a designated lead for safeguarding at Kirkley Pocket Parks Group.
- clear policies in line with those from the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership for dealing with allegations against people who work with children. Such policies should make a clear distinction between an allegation, a concern about the quality of care or practice or a complaint. An allegation may relate to a person who works with children who has:
  - behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
  - possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or