

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION POLICY

1. This Policy reflects our statutory duties and pastoral responsibilities in relation to the Children Act 1989, linked to local Safeguarding Children Board Policies and "Every Child Matters".
2. All users of Willow Road Community Centre have a part to play in safeguarding and providing for the welfare of children and preventing their abuse. All complaints, allegations or suspicions will be taken seriously and discussed with the nominated WRCC Management Committee member(s).
3. The WRCC Management Committee will have identified, designated, appropriately trained persons(s) who are responsible for liaising with users of the Centre and appropriate outside agencies.
4. The responsibility for investigating such cases lies with other agencies (Children's Services, the Police, Social Care, School Support Officers and Health Services) to whom complaints, allegations and suspicions will be referred, all working together via the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board.
5. The WRCC Child Protection Procedure provides a definition of 'child', vulnerable adult' and categories of abuse, together with Willow Road Management Committee referral procedures.
6. It is recommended that all users of the WRCC are offered Child Protection Training, whether via their own training schemes (eg Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade or Church of England) or via the local volunteer provision.
7. The WRCC Management Committee actively support and promotes equality and diversity in all matters relating to the use of the Centre. It aims to identify and eliminate attitudes, practices and procedures which discriminate against people on grounds of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, marital status, nationality/citizenship, religion/belief or sexual orientation.

APPROVED BY THE WILLOW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SIGNED: DIANE EVANS

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