

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

PHILOSOPHY:

Every child and vulnerable adult irrespective of their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/ or sexual orientation, regardless of age or circumstance, has a right to be protected from harm and to feel safe and protected.

DEFINITIONS:

- The term child, or young person, is used to refer to anyone under the age of 18 years.
- The term vulnerable adult includes people with learning disabilities, older people, people with physical or sensory disabilities, people with mental ill health, people with physical illnesses and people with drug/alcohol problems.

OBJECTIVES:

- All hirers of Godalming Town Council premises organising activities or events are to provide an environment where all participants are protected from harm and feel secure and valued.
- All hirers organising activities on a regular, commercial or educational basis, which may be attended by children/vulnerable adults, are to have a safeguarding policy.
- Procedures are in place for the protection of Godalming Town Council employees and volunteer workers.

PROCEDURES:

- Godalming Town Council is to have a named Safeguarding Officer.
- Contact details for the Safeguarding Officer are to be clearly displayed at all GTC community buildings and on its website.
- Terms and conditions for hirers organising activities, which may be attended by children/vulnerable adults on a regular, commercial or educational basis are to include a requirement to have a safeguarding policy.
- All incidents or concerns related to safeguarding reported to the GTC Safeguarding Officer are to be treated seriously and managed in accordance with Surrey County Council MASH safeguarding policies.