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Bangor Street Community Centre **Safeguarding Policy**

All Bangor Street Community Centre staff are aware of safeguarding policies. Bangor Street Community Centre does not directly employ volunteers but paid staff are made aware of the responsibilities of volunteer groups using the centre.

Staff awareness

Safeguarding means protecting all children, young people and vulnerable adults from neglect and abuse.

Any groups providing services to children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families have a responsibility to keep them safe from harm.

Safeguarding is about trying to make sure children, young people and vulnerable adults do not get harmed, and knowing what to do if anyone in your group is worried about a child.

Volunteers are expected to complete a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Check (previously called a CRB check), this is especially important if they are working around children, young people or vulnerable adults. DBS checks for volunteers are free of charge.

Volunteers should all have read the Centre's Safeguarding procedure & completed the LSCB 'Safeguarding Children: A Basic Awareness' workbook as evidence that they are aware of the important fundamentals of safeguarding.

The Centre's responsibilities around safeguarding and groups using the Centre

The Centre makes any group using the centre aware of the Centre's Safeguarding policy.

The Centre encourages user groups to be familiar with their Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and take appropriate action in line with the policy, to declare any existing or subsequent convictions which may impact other users of the Centre, and to obtain Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) in line with the groups' own policies.

Staff concerns

If you have a concern regarding the welfare/safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01254 585184.**

If you are unable to contact your Designated Officer, you should contact the appropriate service from the options below:

- Children's Social Care Duty Team – 01254 666400
- Adult's Social Care team – 01254 587547
- Out of hours – 01254 587547
- In the case of an emergency you should contact the police

What ages does the policy class as being a 'child'?

For the purposes of the Child, Young Person & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, a 'child' is defined as any individual under the age of 18 years.

What does the policy mean by 'vulnerable adult'?

A vulnerable adult is defined as an adult (a person aged 18 years or more) who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.