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Safeguarding Policy

Audience	Friends of Chances Park
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Description	This document details how Friends of Chances Park is committed to safeguarding children, young people and venerable adults

1. Introduction

This policy, procedures and guidelines are concerned with the protection of children young people and vulnerable adults and older people in Chances Park. This policy covers the wide variety of contact that elected members or volunteers may have with service users who fall under one of those categories.

The policy recognises the statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the Children Act 2004. This Act embodies five principles that are central to the well being of children and young people:

Being Healthy

Staying Safe

Enjoying and Achieving

Making a positive contribution

Achieving economic well being

Although the Friends of Chances Park is not a child or adult protection investigative or intervention agency it will provide support and assistance to local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Cumbria Local Safeguarding Adults Board.

2. The Scope of this Policy

This policy covers all of the Friends of Chances Park functions and services, as well as the operations of partners, contractors, voluntary and third party organisations that deliver services on its behalf. Those third parties must maintain or develop their own child and vulnerable adult protection statements to reflect this document.

There may be circumstances where the Friends of Chances Park is involved in delivering activities with schools, clubs or private organisations or where activities take place on council land when there is no direct contractual arrangement with the organisers. Child and adult protection issues must be resolved on a scheme by scheme basis and should be addressed as a matter of fact and degree.

The Friends of Chances Park will also refer to the multi-agency procedures and guidelines developed by the Cumbria Safeguarding Adult Partnership when dealing with safeguarding concerns in respect of vulnerable adults.

3. Aim of this policy

The aim of this policy and its associated procedures is to facilitate the best possible professional practice by the Friends of Chances Park.

It is mandatory for elected members and volunteers. There are three main elements: Prevention

Protection

Support

4. Safe Working Practice for Elected Members and Volunteers.

It is important that all staff always act in a professional manner and in ways in which their behaviour cannot be misinterpreted or lead any reasonable person to question their suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

5. Monitor and Implementation

The Friends will make available the resources to maintain this policy and for an action plan for the introduction of the policy, as well as making sure that arrangements are in place to monitor compliance.

6. Review

This policy will be revised when the Friends feels it is appropriate in the light of changing needs, changes in legislation and guidance, or every three years.

7. Links with other Policies

The Friends of Chances Park adhere to guidelines in the Carlisle City Council Safeguarding Policy (date issued 1st December 2014 – due to be reviewed December 2017)

When necessary seek advice on their procedures and guides

Declaration

The Friends of Chances Park is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

As an elected officer, member or volunteer of the Friends it is therefore important that you have taken the time to thoroughly read this Safeguarding Policy.

By being made aware of the policy, it is the Friends intention to ensure that all are pro-active in providing a safe environment for people in their care.