

# Lancaster Green Spaces

## Safeguarding vulnerable adults policy v.2

### Key details

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### Introduction

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We want all volunteers to be welcomed into a safe, caring environment with a happy and friendly atmosphere.*

Safeguarding vulnerable adults is a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This policy refers to actions to protect specific vulnerable adults who are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults and as professionals or volunteers, we have a responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults: to protect them from significant harm and to promote their welfare.

Vulnerable adults and those at greatest risk of social exclusion, may need co-ordinated help from health, education, social care, voluntary organisations and other agencies, including justice services.

The charity recognises that it is the responsibility of each one of its staff, paid and unpaid, to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of vulnerable adults, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

We will maintain and regularly review procedures, which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse. We will support, resource and train those who work with vulnerable adults.

We will maintain good links with the statutory authorities and other relevant organisations.

Note: We require all children under the age of 16 to be accompanied by a responsible adult, and for that adult to take full responsibility for their safety

### Procedures

For those vulnerable adults who are suffering, or at risk of suffering significant harm, joint working is essential, to safeguard and promote their welfare. All volunteers and professionals should:

- be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect;
- be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to vulnerable adults;
- share and help to analyse information so that an assessment can be made of the individual's needs and circumstances;
- contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the individual's welfare;
- take part in regularly reviewing the outcomes for the individual against specific plans; and
- work co-operatively with parents and/or other carers, unless this is inconsistent with ensuring the individual's safety.