

ROTARY CLUB of LITTLEHAMPTON

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

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The Rotary Club of Littlehampton has adopted this Statement of Policy in its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.

- The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority.
- It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

The Rotary Club will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by:

- Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of Rotary activities and events
- Appointing a Rotarian with responsibility for protection issues in the Rotary Club
- Adopting protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for all Rotarians, paid staff, other helpers and volunteers associated with the Club
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed
- Ensuring that Rotarians who work regularly* with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability have Criminal Record Bureau checks
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the Club
- Following the agreed guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know
- Providing appropriate training for Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the Club, in the processes and procedures of child protection
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment and selection of Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the Club to assist with projects and activities
- Monitoring and reviewing this Policy and the associated procedures on an annual basis.

The Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer is

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The term 'child' applies to any person below 18 years of age. A person may be considered 'vulnerable' if he or she receives some form of care, has a physical or mental disability, or is of such advanced age as to be incapable of protecting himself or herself from assault or physical abuse.

* 'Regularly' is defined by the General Council of RIBI as meaning 'twice in any one month or four times in any six months'.