



## **Safeguarding Policy v2**

Audience	Friends of Chances Park
Creator	Friends of Chances Park Chair
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Description	This document details how Friends of Chances Park is committed to safeguarding children, young people, vulnerable adults, and older people.

### **1. Introduction**

This policy is concerned with the protection of children, young people, vulnerable adults, and older people in Chances Park. This policy covers the wide variety of incidental contact that Friends of Chances Park volunteers may have with people who fall under one of those categories.

### **2. The Policy**

Friends of Chances Park believe that everyone we encounter regardless of age gender identity disability sexual orientation or ethnic origin has the right to be protected from all forms of harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Friends of Chances Park will not tolerate abuse and exploitation by volunteers, its associated personnel or by anyone within our communities. Although the Friends of Chances Park is not a child or adult protection, investigative or intervention agency, it will provide support and assistance to the Cumberland Safeguarding of Children and Adults teams.

### **3. The Aim of this Policy**

The aim of this policy is to facilitate the best possible professional practice with regard to safeguarding by the volunteers acting on behalf of Friends of Chances Park

### **4. The Scope of the 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, which deliver services on their behalf. Those third parties must maintain or develop their own child and adult protection policies to reflect this.

document. There may be circumstances where the Friends of Chances Park participate in delivering activities with schools, clubs, or private organisations or where activities take place on Council land where there is no direct contractual arrangement with the organisers. Child and Adult Protection issues will be addressed as a matter of fact and degree.

#### **5. Safe working practice for volunteers**

It is important that all volunteers 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, vulnerable adults, or older adults.

#### **6. Monitoring and Implementation**

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

#### **7. Review**

This policy will be reviewed when the Friends feel it is appropriate in the light of changing needs, changing legislation and guidance. It will be reviewed at least annually.

#### **8. Links with other policies**

The Friends of Chances Park adhere to guidelines in the Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership, Cumbria County Council Multi Agency Policy and Procedure and the statutory guidance within the "Working Together to safeguard Children 2018 (publishing service gov.uk) alongside the relevant provisions of the Children's Act 2004. The policy adopts statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the Children Act 2004.

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

When necessary, Friends of Chances Park will seek advice on policies and procedures from these county-wide teams.

#### **9. Declaration**

Friends of Chances Park is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of children, young people, vulnerable people, and older people by protecting them from physical, sexual, and emotional harm. By being made aware of this policy, it

is the Friends intention to ensure that all volunteers are proactive in providing a safe environment for people with whom they come into contact.

**10. Adoption of the Policy**

This policy was adopted by the members present at the quarterly committee meeting of Friends of Chances Park held on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

Review Date \_\_\_\_\_