

KCFC Protecting Vulnerable Groups Policy

KCFC recognises the need to be committed to Protecting Vulnerable Groups and to have a policy in place that ensures that all involved in KCFC and its working groups have an understanding of and agree to be committed to such a policy, as given below:

KCFC is committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of children and young people and all vulnerable people by

- protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse
- showing respect and understanding for their rights
- providing Child Protection training and support to volunteers and by ensuring that volunteers are members of the PVG scheme.

KCFC understands and accepts (i) responsibilities enshrined in law

- children and young people and all vulnerable persons have a right to be protected and be safe from harm from others and that children have equal rights to protection from harm
- that the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 states that anyone aged 16 or over, who has care and control of a child, has a duty to do all that is reasonable in the circumstances to safeguard a child's health, development and welfare.

KCFC adopts the CHILD PROTECTION POLICY of Stirling Council as published in the Child Protection Pack

(ref. CP Toolkit – Appendix CP Policy) included here as Appendix 1

KCFC requires that an appropriate CODE OF CONDUCT as published as part of the Child Protection Pack should be followed.

KCFC undertakes to take action in the event of:

- suspicion that abuse is being or has been inflicted on a child, young or vulnerable person
 - an allegation is received of abuse by an adult associated with KCFC
- i) the matter should be reported immediately to the Child Protection Co-ordinator or KCFC Secretary
 - ii) the appropriate pro forma (see Appendix 1) should be completed
 - iii) the matter should be referred to the appropriate agency:
 - Stirling Council Social Services (01786 471177)
out of hours (01786 470500)
 - Police Scotland: emergency 999; non-emergency 101
 - iv) it should be noted that once an incident has been reported to the appropriate agency the information should only be shared with those who need to know.

This policy has been produced April 2014.

It has been circulated to Directors and members of KCFC and formally adopted by the Board of Directors of KCFC 5 June 2014 and reviewed in 2017.

It has been reviewed and agreed by the Board of Directors February 2025.

It should be reviewed February 2027.