



## Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy

PL24 Community Association is committed to ensuring that vulnerable people are not abused and that working practices minimise the risk of such abuse. This policy is to ensure that the members of the committee are aware of their responsibilities as an alerter and to ensure the safety of all vulnerable adults is paramount. The committee will be aware of and guard against possible discrimination because of assumptions about class, gender, sexuality, race, religion and age.

### Definition

Vulnerable adults are people who are over 18 years of age and are getting or may need help and services to live in the community. Vulnerable adults may be unable to take care of themselves and unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation by other people. Adult protection concerns the violation of an individual's human and civil rights by another individual.

Abuse can be verbal, physical, financial, material, sexual, psychological, discriminatory, emotional abuse or neglect. Abuse can take place in any setting, public or private, and can be perpetuated by anyone.

PL24 Community Association Committee believes that everyone has a right to live his/her life free from violence, fear and abuse. All adults have a right to be protected from harm and exploitation.

### Responsibilities of Par Community Association Committee :

- To ensure the committee are aware of vulnerable adult's need for protection
- To notify the appropriate agencies if abuse is identified or suspected
- To support and where possible secure the safety of individuals and ensure that all referrals to services have full information in relation to identified risk and vulnerability
- To Criminal Records Board (CRB) check volunteers that have access to or work with Vulnerable Adults
- To be familiar with the vulnerable adult protection policy
- To take appropriate action in line with the policy of PL24 Community Association
- To declare any existing or subsequent convictions.

### Support for those who report abuse

All those making a complaint or allegation or expressing concern, whether they are PL24 Community Association volunteers &/or service users &/or carers &/or members of the general public should be reassured that:

- They will be taken seriously
- Their comments will usually be treated confidentially, but their concerns may be shared
- with the appropriate authorities if they or others are at significant risk

### The Vulnerable Adult has the right:

- To be made aware of this policy
- To have alleged incidents recognised and taken seriously
- To receive fair and respectful treatment throughout
- To be involved in any process as appropriate
- To receive information about the outcome

Chairman's Signature:

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