

# North Cadbury Village Hall Committee

## CHILD AND VULNERABLE PERSONS PROTECTION POLICY

*Guiding principles:*

**The welfare of the children and vulnerable persons is paramount.**

**All children and vulnerable persons, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse.**

**Policy:** All organisations using the hall that provide activities/services for children and/or vulnerable persons will need to have a child and/or vulnerable persons protection policy.

**Procedure:** The hiring agreement will require all such organisations to demonstrate and sign they have such an approved protection policy in place.

**Policy:** NO member of the management committee or any other volunteer will have unsupervised access to children and/or vulnerable persons unless appropriately vetted.

**Procedure:** All members of the management committee and any other volunteer will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance to The Protection of Children Act 1999, The Children Act 2004 and part V of the Police Act 1997.

**Policy:** All suspicious or allegations of abuse against a child and/or vulnerable persons will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

**Procedure:** Management committee member Mr. Piers Keating is appointed to be responsible for child protection and/or vulnerable person's matters. He will have responsibility for reporting for child protection and/or vulnerable persons matters. He will have responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the local authority child protection and/or vulnerable persons lead agency.

**Policy:** All management committee members will be required to become aware of child protection and/or vulnerable persons issues.

**Procedure:** Copies of the relevant Acts and DOH guidelines may be found on the appropriate website as a reference material for committee members. Relevant child protection and/or vulnerable persons training for management committee members will be encouraged.

**Policy:** The policies and procedures outlined above will be reviewed annually at the first Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

**Procedure:** An annual review will take place following the Annual General Meeting to allow for any required up-date of policies and / or procedures. New management committee members will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in matters of the child and/or vulnerable persons protection policy.

**Policy:** Members of the public who use the hall should be aware of the child and/or vulnerable person's protection policies and procedures adopted by North Cadbury Village Hall Committee.

**Procedure:** A copy of this document will be displayed in the entrance hall, together with other Policy documents and certificates.

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