

# The Marshland Hall

Marshland and District Community and Sports Centre (MDCSC)

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## Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

### Policy statement

The Trustees of Marshland St James District Community and Sports Centre (MDCSC) believe that the welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount and that without exception they have the right to protection from abuse.

The purpose of this policy is to set out clearly and fully the positive action that Trustees intend to take to combat abuse of children and vulnerable adults.

### Aim

Our aim is to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from abuse and that any concerns regarding potential abuse are addressed in accordance with statutory guidelines.

### Code of Practice

All organisations using the hall that provide activities/services for children and/or vulnerable adults will need to have a Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults policy and suitably trained and vetted activity leaders.

The hiring agreement requires all such organisations to demonstrate and sign that they have an approved Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults policy in place and suitably trained activity leaders.

No member of the Trustees, management committee, caretaker or any other employee or volunteer will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless appropriately trained and vetted through a DBS check.

Trustees, members of the management committee and any employees and volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant letting procedures. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance with current legislation.

Any suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or adult will be taken seriously and dealt with urgently and appropriately.

A Trustee or management committee member will be appointed to be responsible for Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection matters. This person will be responsible for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency to the local authority Child or Adult Protection lead agency.

Trustees, management committee members, employees and volunteers will be required to undertake relevant Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection training.

Members of the public who use the hall should be aware of the Child Protection policies and procedures adopted by the Trustees of MDCSC .

**Useful numbers:**

Trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding matters is  
Sonya Gowler

Police	999
Norfolk Adult's Safeguarding Board	0344 800 8020
Norfolk Children's Safeguarding Board	0344 8008020
NSPCC	0808 800 5000

**Recognised categories of abuse of Children**

Witnessing domestic abuse  
Physical abuse  
Bullying and cyberbullying  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse / Child sexual exploitation  
Female genital mutilation  
Child trafficking  
Grooming  
Harmful sexual behaviour

**Recognised categories of abuse of Vulnerable Adults**

Physical abuse  
Sexual abuse  
Psychological abuse  
Financial abuse  
Neglect  
Discriminatory abuse  
Modern day slavery

Approved by Trustees on