



The Friends of Chain Bridge Forge Child Protection and Disadvantage Adults

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1. Overview

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The welfare of the child and disadvantage adults is paramount.

All children and disadvantage adults without exception have the right for protection from abuse.

2. Policy

No members of the Friends, helpers or other volunteers will have unsupervised access to children and disadvantage adults unless vetted.

All suspicious or allegations of abuse against a child will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

All trustees and volunteers will be required to become aware of Child Protection issues.

Members of the local community who use the facilities provided by the Directors, should be aware of the Child Protection policies as adopted by the trustees.

This policy and procedure will be regularly reviewed and updated.

3. Procedure

All members of the Friends, helpers and other volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance with the following acts.

- a) The Protection OF Children Act 1999
 - b) The Children Act 1999
 - c) The Police Act Part V 1999
- Or, any Act that supersedes the above.

A Director will be appointed responsible for Child Protection matters. This person will have the responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the local lead authority for Child Protection.

The Directors will hold copies of the relevant Acts and Department of Health guidelines as reference material for volunteers. The relevant Child Protection training will be encouraged for trustees.

A copy of this document will be available for all to see within the Forge and on the Friends website.

An annual review will take place following the AGM to allow for any required update of policy and/or procedure. New Directors, Friends and volunteers will be made aware of their responsibilities in the matters of Child Protection and Disadvantage Adults.