

Safeguarding Policy

Purpose

This policy defines how Flitwick Community Football Centre operates in the safeguarding of children & vulnerable adults in relation to the use of the facility.

Definitions

Children & Young persons are those persons aged under 18 years. The law requires:

- Protection from maltreatment in any form which may impair health and development
- Provision of safe and effective care
- Taking any necessary action to enable children to have the best outcomes

Adults at risk relates to those over 18 years who have:

- Care and support needs
- Experience of, or risk of, abuse or neglect
- An inability to protect themselves against any of the above factors

Enactment of policy:

Any person having a management function has a duty of care, under the relevant legislation, to any persons specified above, who in whatever capacity, use the hall. They must:

- Be aware of legal responsibilities in relation to safeguarding
- Be aware of Charity Commission expectations regarding safeguarding
- Know their responsibility in the reporting of any incident.
- Have clear guidelines on reporting any suspected incident
- Trustees to have completed the 'Trustee eligibility declaration' form stating fitness
- Ensure that the hall hiring agreement is in line with safeguarding policy
- Ensure all hirers catering for children or adults at risk, produce a copy of their own safeguarding policy.

Appointment of a 'safeguarding lead' person

The safeguarding lead responsible for ensuring implementation and practice of this policy is

Lynda Gazeley (Trustee): Lynda@flitwicktogether.org.uk

This duty includes checking any relevant venue hiring agreements, and taking appropriate action. This will be determined by the nature of the hiring function.

Relevant legislation and Guidelines

- The Safeguarding Vulnerable groups Act 2006.
- The Children Act 1989 & 2004.
- The Care Act 2014 & 2015
- Charity Commission www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding.
- The Football Association [Safeguarding - Rules & Regulations | The Football Association \(thefa.com\)](http://www.thefa.com)