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Vulnerable Adults Policy

General Statement

It is the policy of SCARF to safeguard its members from physical, sexual and emotional harm while participating in its activities. SCARF takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through relevant procedures and training, young people and adults taking part in activities do so in a safe environment.

SCARF will:

- Treat all children and young people with respect.
- Carefully recruit and select all adults whether paid or voluntary.
- Respond to all concerns and allegations swiftly and appropriately
- Ensure that confidentiality will be maintained at all times

The SCARF Child Protection Policy provides detailed procedures, contact points and forms to be followed if there is any concern about possible harm to children. This policy outlines the differences in approach, where required, for SCARF members who are over 18 and are, due to their special needs, regarded as vulnerable adults.

Contact Points & Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for protection of vulnerable adults lies with the SCARF committee.

Day to day responsibility lies with the chair, administrator and secretary. They are responsible for:

- Maintaining this policy
- Ensuring that staff and volunteers are aware of and follow the procedures
- Advising the committee and SCARF child safeguarding officers on vulnerable adult protection issues
- Maintaining contact details with local Social Services and Police
- Ensuring that this policy, together with the number for HCC Adult Social Services, will be kept with the Register at all events.

If there is a concern, one of the above people would be the first point of contact for any concerns or allegations, from children or adults, ensuring that confidentiality is maintained in all cases.

Contact Details for Hampshire County Council Adult Services

During Office Hours (Monday – Friday 09.00 – 16.30) 0845 603 5603

Out of Hours – The Emergency Duty Team 0845 600 4555

Monitoring, Review and Compliance

This policy will be reviewed every two years or following any reported incidents.

Other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with SCARF’s Child Safeguarding Policy, particularly in its description of appropriate and inappropriate behaviour for both children and adults.

This policy will be adopted by the Committee in April 2014