

What is adult safeguarding?

The official definition of “Adult safeguarding” is working with adults with care and support needs to keep them safe from abuse or neglect. It is an important part of what many public services do, and a key responsibility of local authorities (Care Act 2014).

The safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs)
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect
- is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect, as a result of those care and support needs

Adults who fulfil this criteria are ‘adults at risk’.

People can have a need for care and support for a variety of reasons – for example they may have a learning disability, a physical disability, a chronic health condition or have a mental health issue. Such conditions may bring with them additional vulnerabilities, however having care and support needs does not mean that people are automatically adults at risk and need safeguarding.

Safeguarding adults is underpinned by:

- The Care Act 2014
- Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005

Types of abuse suffered by adults identified in the Care Act 2014 are:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological/Emotional/Mental
- Financial and material
- Neglect and act of omission
- Discriminatory
- Organisational
- Modern Day Slavery
- Domestic Violence
- Self Neglect – including hoarding

Other types of harm that adults may experience include:

- Cyber Bullying
- Forced Marriage
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Mate Crime
- Radicalisation

Safe recruitment and safeguarding training

We want to make sure that all of our volunteers and staff have the right skills and qualities to create a safe environment. All staff and volunteers will be subject to safe recruitment procedures and will also be updated with any relevant legislation, policies and procedural

changes. Appropriate training will also be identified and offered, including safeguarding adults training.

Communication

The organisation will make available its Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures to all staff, volunteers, members and partner organisations.

What to do if you have concerns about an adult member

Organisation members, staff and volunteers are not expected to be an expert in recognition of a safeguarding concern; however, all adults working, volunteering and participating have a duty of care to be vigilant and respond appropriately to suspicions of poor practice, abuse or bullying. They should also respond to any indication of abuse that may be occurring outside of the organisation setting.

This does not mean that it is your responsibility to decide if a situation is poor practice, abuse or bullying, but it is your responsibility to report your concerns to the Welfare Officer or failing that, the deputy welfare officer.

The Welfare Officer contact is Emma Colverd. Contact details:

07813778409 or emmacolverd@safehavenbasketball.co.uk

The Deputy Welfare Officer is Kate Page. Contact details:

07903556858 or katie.page@accesssport.co.uk

If you cannot contact someone within the organisation or feel that your concerns are not being dealt with properly you can contact the Safeguarding team at Basketball England (safeguarding@basketballengland.co.uk) the local authority safeguarding adults team or ACT, the national safeguarding adults organisation www.anncrafttrust.org

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