



STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Policy Statement

Children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to participate, have fun and be safe in the services provided for them and the activities they choose, or their parents/carers choose for them.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and protecting them from abuse when they engaged in services organised by Stoke Mandeville Parish Council.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council will endeavour to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse and suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately. The Parish Council will act in the best interest of the child, young person and vulnerable adults at all times.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council will proactively seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults whether permanent residents or living temporarily in the parish at all times.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council will ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children, young people and vulnerable adults through using safe recruitment and selection processes.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council will take any concern made by a service user, employee, volunteer or child / vulnerable adult seriously and sensitively. Concerns cannot be anonymous and should be made in the knowledge that, during the course of enquiries, the agency that made the referral will be made clear.

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council will not tolerate harassment of any service user, employee, volunteer or child / vulnerable adult who raises concerns of abuse.

Procedure

Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the Parish Clerk, who will report the concerns to Buckinghamshire County Council Children's Services or Adult Services departments.

Those raising the concern must be made aware that the concern will be shared with appropriate people but will be treated in confidence as far as possible.

Officers, employees and volunteers must not discuss the concern except with the local authority designated officer (LADO) and any agent of the organisation responsible for investigating the concern.

Nothing contained in this policy overrides the need for immediate reporting to the police where criminal matters are concerned.