

# CLUB SAFEGUARDING POLICY

## Club Safeguarding Officers



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### **Please note:**

We would ask all members follow the guidelines set out by the Club, in particular:

- ❖ do **not** put yourself in any situation that could prove problematic
- ❖ **listen** rather than advise
- ❖ do **not** touch unless to treat an injury or prevent an injury/accident from occurring.

For full guidelines please see wall display unit.

The Safeguarding Policy can also be found on our website:  
[collinghambowlingclub.co.uk](http://collinghambowlingclub.co.uk)

**District Crown Green Safeguarding Officer is:**

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**West Yorkshire Police Safeguarding Unit:**

Vulnerable Adults:

0113 3859590

[www.leeds.safeguarding@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:www.leeds.safeguarding@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Children:

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**Social Services Department:**

Vulnerable Adults:

0113 222 4401

Children:

0113 222 4403

**Childline:**

0800 1111

# **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy**

Collingham Bowling Club has considered its responsibilities to the young people participating in bowls at our premises and within our club very carefully, and has produced the following **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy** and underpinning procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for children and safeguarding the welfare of children in our care.

Collingham Bowling Club is affiliated to the National Governing Body and the Club recognises the policies of their Governing Body, as set in out in the “Safeguarding Bowls Guidelines”.

## **1. Policy Statement**

Collingham Bowling Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all young people (defined as those under 18) involved in bowls within the club. All young people have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.

Collingham Bowling Club will therefore endeavour to ensure the safety and protection of all young people involved with the club through the Child Protection guidelines adopted by the Committee of the club. It is the responsibility of all adults within the club to assist the Committee in this endeavour.

## **2. Policy Aims**

- To provide young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and also help them to enjoy their experience of the sport of bowls.
- To reassure parents that their children will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the club.
- To provide support to club members and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

### 3. Principles

- The welfare of young people is paramount.
- All young people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All members of the Club have a responsibility to report concerns to their Club Welfare Officer.
- Adults – club members, volunteers, coaches, referees and members will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of young people by the club and the National Governing Body.
- Individuals will receive support through education and training, coordinated by the club/national governing body to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may come to light.
- Collingham Bowling Club will work in partnership with young people and parents to review and implement child protection and safeguarding procedures.
- Collingham Bowling Club's policy and procedures are based on the above principles together with UK and international legislation and government guidance and take the following into consideration:
  - The Children Act 1989 and 2004.
  - Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.

- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Any subsequent legislation relating to child protection would implicitly be incorporated into this document.

#### **4. Responsibilities and Communication**

- The Collingham Bowling Club Child Protection Policy will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants.
- The Policy will be reviewed every three years by the Committee, and amended as appropriate. Guidance from Bowls National Governing Bodies will be sought as part of the review process.
- The Committee has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including referring any appropriate disciplinary action to the national governing body as appropriate.
- The Club Welfare Officer has responsibility for responding to any allegations, concerns or child protection incidents, passing information to the appropriate NGB Safeguarding Officer and informing the appropriate club staff where relevant.
- Parents have a responsibility to work together with the club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to keep themselves safe.

#### **5. Monitoring and review**

Collingham Bowling Club will update and review its Policy in line with information received from our District Crown Green Safeguarding Officer and Yorkshire CCGBA Safeguarding Officer.

The Club also undertakes to report any incidents to its Committee on a regular basis.

## **Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy**

Collingham Bowling Club is affiliated to the National Governing Body and the Club recognises the policies of their Governing Body, as set in out in the “Safeguarding Bowls Guidelines”.

### **Policy Aims**

- The purpose of this policy is to outline the duty and responsibility of staff/volunteers working on behalf of the Collingham Bowling Club in relation to Safeguarding Adults at risk.
- All adults have the right to be safe from harm and must be able to live free from fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

### **Objectives**

- Everyone who participates in bowls is entitled to do so in a safe and enjoyable environment.
- The Club is committed to helping everyone in bowls accept their responsibility to safeguard adults at risk, from harm and abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Members of the Club working with adults at risk in bowls have a responsibility to report concerns to their Club Welfare Officer.

### **Definition of an Adult at Risk?**

- An Adult (a person aged 18 or over) who 'is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation'. (*Definition from the Department of Health 2002*)

- This could include people with learning disabilities, mental health problems, older people and people with a physical disability or impairment. It may also include victims of domestic abuse, hate crime and anti- social behavior. The persons' need for additional support to protect themselves may be increased when complicated by additional This can be especially so when care standards and practices fall below an acceptable level as detailed in the contract specification.
- **Multiple forms of abuse** - Multiple forms of abuse may occur in an ongoing relationship or an abusive service setting to one person, or to more than one person at a time, making it important to look beyond single incidents or breaches in standards, to underlying dynamics and patterns of harm. Any or all of these types of abuse may be perpetrated as the result of deliberate intent and targeting of adults at risk, negligence or ignorance.

### **Responsibilities and Communication**

- The Collingham Bowling Club Safeguarding Policy will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants. It is important that adults at risk are protected from abuse. All complaints, allegations or suspicions must be taken seriously with the Club Welfare Officer passing information to the appropriate NGB Safeguarding Officer and informing the appropriate club staff where relevant.
- The Club has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including referring any appropriate disciplinary action to the national governing body as

### **The Role of Key Individual Agencies**

- **Adult Social Services** - The Department of Health's recent 'No secrets' guidance document requires that authorities develop a local framework within which all responsible agencies work together to ensure a coherent policy for the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse.

All local authorities have a Safeguarding Adults Board, which oversees multi-agency work aimed at protecting and safeguarding vulnerable adults. It is normal practice for the board to comprise of people from partner organisations who have the ability to influence decision making and resource allocation within their organisation.

- **The Police** - The Police play a vital role in Safeguarding Adults with cases involving alleged criminal acts. It becomes the responsibility of the police to investigate allegations of crime by preserving and gathering evidence. Where a crime is identified, the police will be the lead agency and they will direct investigations in line with legal and other procedural protocols.

### **Legal Framework**

Collingham Bowling Club will follow the clear legal framework issued by the Yorkshire CCGBA Safeguarding Officer and our District Crown Green Safeguarding Officer.

### **Monitoring and Review**

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