

Prestwood Community Association (PCA) Safeguarding Policy

Aim

Prestwood Community Association (PCA) is committed to prevent harm, harassment, bullying, abuse and neglect within its operations, and in the performance of all its activities and projects. This applies to children, vulnerable adults, among Committee members and volunteers, and in the general public.

Our Policy

When considering a project or activity, PCA will carry out a risk assessment. Where contact is expected with children or vulnerable adults, or safeguarding may be an issue, this will be addressed in the assessment. Where we work with partners, eg schools, we shall ask what is needed to be compliant.

Where instances of harms, or concerns, are identified by our officers or others, the committee encourages all involved to report concerns, confident that they will be heard and responded to.

If it is not felt appropriate to report the concern to a member of the committee, then the following are appropriate agencies to which concerns can be reported:

- the Police on 999 in cases of ongoing harm
- the Adults safeguarding team at Buckinghamshire Council (tel 0800 137 915, e-mail ascfirstresponse@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- for a child or young person under the age of 18, Buckinghamshire Council's First Response Team on 01296 383962 Mon-Fri, 0800 999 7677 out of hours
- Buckinghamshire Children Safeguarding Partnership (<https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/>)
- another agency or person in authority, as appropriate.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every year

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Signed and approved by:

Karen Pither (Chair)

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