



LLANBRADACH BOWLING CLUB

Safeguarding policy

Introduction

Safeguarding is a responsibility that applies to every club and sport group. Therefore, safeguarding is everybody's business, and everybody has the right to be safe no matter who they are or what their circumstances. We all have a responsibility to make sure that children, young people and adults at risk are protected and cared for properly.

In Wales (2016) as part of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014, it became a legal obligation to report any child or adult believed to be at risk of abuse or neglect

Policy Statement

Llanbradach Bowling Club is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk who use our services and that our working practices minimise the risk of abuse.

Llanbradach Bowling Club recognises its safeguarding responsibilities in that:

- anyone in charge of or working with children, young people or adults at risk in any capacity are: considered both legally and morally to owe them a duty of care. Adults should always act and be seen to act, in the best interests of the child, young person or adult at risk.
- It provides a range of services that might involve children, young people and adults at risk.
- There is a strong public expectation that the Club makes effective arrangements for safeguarding.
- There are links between Safeguarding and other policies that we already have in place, such as health and safety, equality and diversity and risk management.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Llanbradach Bowling Club's designated lead for Safeguarding is Andrew Lavelle. The role of the DSL is to be the main contact point for the referral of allegations for the Club.

Llanbradach Bowling Club Commits to:

- clear lines of accountability within the Club for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk
- clear reporting procedures and giving clear guidance on safeguarding matters
- where appropriate, designing services that take account of the need to safeguard and promote welfare and are informed by the views of children and adults at risk
- a system of record keeping for safeguarding matters for monitoring and audit purposes

Policy Definitions

Children and Young People Anyone under the age of 18 years.

Adults at risk Anyone over 18 who is:

- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation
- Or may need community care services

Employees and Committee members Anyone working for, or on behalf of Llanbradach Bowling Club, whether paid or voluntary.

Promoting a Safe Environment – Premises and Activities

To promote a safe environment for children, young people and adults at risk. Llanbradach Bowling Club wishes to promote a safeguarding culture in its premises and activity areas.

In order to achieve this the club will:

- Provide safe facilities and undertake regular safety assessments.
- Ensure that employees and committee members are aware of the safeguarding culture.
- Require employees and Committee members who come into regular, unsupervised contact with children, young people or adults at risk, to undergo appropriate DBS checks.

Reporting allegations of abuse

All members of staff, Committee and any volunteers engaged on behalf of the Club must be vigilant at all times to risks of abuse towards service users.

Abuse is a violation of an individual's civil or human rights by another person. This can be a single act or multiple acts, and it may occur in a variety of ways. Abuse of an individual may be verbal, physical, or psychological. It may occur from a deliberate act or a failure to act.

Abuse may also occur when an individual is persuaded to do something that he or she has not consented to, or is unable to consent to, or where the individual is exploited by another person. Any person who believes or suspects that a service user has been subjected to abuse must refer the matter to the Designated Safeguarding Lead

When reporting an allegation of abuse, it is important to provide as much detail as possible, including the name of the person who has been subjected to abuse, the nature of the abuse, the dates and times of any specific incidents and details of any evidence or other witnesses that may be available.

Investigation

The Club will investigate all complaints of alleged or suspected abuse fully, in accordance with the disciplinary procedure.

The Club may be required to refer information to the Disclosure and Barring Service and may also consider it necessary to inform the Police of allegations under investigation.

Signed: *Ken Henderson* Chair

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