

CHILD PROTECTION, VULNERABLE PERSONS & WELFARE POLICY

If you are, or believe you are being abused in any way and this includes harassment, bullying or being subjected to racial abuse you should inform the centre's Welfare Office or any adult you feel comfortable speaking to.

This Preston Mall Youth and Community Centre (PMYCC) adopts the following Policy.

- The PMYCC acknowledges that every Young Person and Vulnerable person has a right to enjoy the use of our club within a safe enjoyable setting:
- The Committee is committed to ensuring that every Young and Vulnerable Person, regardless of age, ability, racial origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, or gender has a right to use our Centre free of the fear and safe from abuse of any type:
- The PMYCC Committee understands that abuse comes in many forms which include emotional, physical, and sexual. Foul language and bullying are also recognised as abuse:
- User Groups have a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Young and Vulnerable persons using the Centre.
- All User Groups shall possess current and relevant DBS record checks. [Non-compliance with this clause will exclude User Groups from using the Centre]:
- This PMYCC Committee shall appoint a Child Protection / Welfare Officer (whose name appears below) who will treat seriously and deal with any reported incidence of abuse
- Any abuse or inappropriate behaviour will be challenged and dealt with appropriately:
- This Committee acknowledges that it is the responsibility of professional practitioners to determine whether abuse is / has taken place. It is, however, everyone's responsibility to report concerns and / or abuse:
- This PMYCC will continually review this policy in the light of identified 'best practice': *

Help and advice can be obtained from:

The PMYCC's Welfare Officer: Luigi Leo: 07956 286486

The NSPCC HELP LINE [24 hours]: 0808 800 5000

CHILD-LINE: 0800111122

Police – Non-life threatening: 911

Your nearest A&E Department is [Northwick Park Hospital](#)