

GEORGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURE.

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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.

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

We will endeavour to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse and suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately. We will act in the best interest of the child, young person or vulnerable adult at all times.

We will proactively seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults permanent residents or temporarily living in the community at all times.

Georgeham 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.

Georgeham 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 any enquiries, the agency that made that referral will be made clear.

Georgeham 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 concern to Devon County Council Children's Service or Adult Services departments, contact details as overleaf.

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 designated officer and any agent of the organisation responsible for investigating the concern.

Signed by _____

Name in Full _____

Date _____

Devon County Council Contact Details:

Children's Services:

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071 or email [http://mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.

Adult Services Department:

Contact Care Direct on 0345 1551 007 or email [http://csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk)