



# ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

## Safeguarding Policy

### What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about protecting children, young people and adults from abuse or neglect. Everyone has the right to live their lives free from violence, fear and abuse and achieving this is not solely the responsibility of social workers, health care professionals or the police; it is everyone's responsibility. We must ensure that we are doing all we can to protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

### Introduction

Illogan Parish Council makes positive contribution to a strong and safe community and recognises the right of every individual to stay safe.

Illogan Parish Council comes into contact with children and adults through the following activities:

- Christmas lights events and other organised activities
- Council meetings
- Delivery of services such as litter picking and maintenance work
- General contact

This policy seeks to ensure that Illogan Parish Council undertakes its responsibilities with regard to the protection of children and adults and will respond to concerns appropriately. The policy establishes the framework to support members of staff, councillors, contractors, and volunteers in their practices and clarifies the Council's expectations.

Safeguarding is about embedding practices throughout the Council to ensure the protection of children and adults wherever possible. In contrast, child and adult protection is about responding to circumstances that arise.

Abuse is a selfish act of oppression and injustice, exploitation, and manipulation of power by those in a position of authority. This can be caused by those inflicting harm or those who fail to act to prevent harm. Abuse can take a number of forms including:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Bullying
- Neglect
- Financial (or material)
- Verbal
- Intimidation



## **Definitions**

A child is under the age of 18.

An adult is a person aged 18 years or over. A vulnerable adult may, permanently or temporarily, be unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves from harm or being exploited. This may include an adult who:

- Is elderly or frail
- Has a mental illness including dementia
- Has a physical or sensory disability
- Has a learning disability
- Has a severe physical illness
- Is an alcohol and/or substance misuser
- Is homeless

## **Responsibilities**

Remain vigilant.

All employees, members, contractors, and volunteers have responsibility to follow the guidance laid out in this and related policies, and to pass on welfare concerns to the appropriate organisation or agency. They will also be expected to consider the environment that they are working in in relation to children, young people and vulnerable adults and will take appropriate precautions to safeguard themselves and those around them.

Illogan Parish Council will complete appropriate risk assessments for job roles, recruitment, and all Council activities; safeguarding will form part of the risk assessments.

Good practice recruitment processes will be considered and implemented to ensure safe recruitment

Illogan Parish Council will review the roles across the organisation regularly. The review will include consideration on whether Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS checks) are necessary and which level of check should be completed. The Council will seek advice from the Disclosure and Barring Service if required. The Council will complete appropriate DBS checks as and when necessary.

Contractors – contractors will be regularly monitored; risk assessments will be completed and any concerns or complaints raised will be promptly reported.

'If you see something, say something'

## **Where to Report Concerns**

- The Multi Agency Referral Unit – 0300 1231 116 for help, advice, and guidance if you suspect a child is being abused or to make a referral.

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Rimell  
 Illogan Parish Council Community Office, Trevelyan Road, Illogan, TR16 4RG  
 Telephone: 01209 711433  
 Email: enquiries@illoganparishcouncil.gov.uk



- The Adult Safeguarding Triage Team on 0300 1234 131 if you are concerned about an adult.
- If someone is in immediate danger, call 999.
- Anyone can also make a referral about someone you think may be causing harm on the numbers above.

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