



SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AT RISK POLICY

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Kingsland Bowling Club (The Club) is affiliated to the National Governing Body (Bowls England), and the Club recognises its policies as set in out in the “Safeguarding Bowls Guidelines”.

Policy Aims

- The purpose of this policy is to outline the duties and responsibilities of Club members/volunteers working on behalf of the Club in relation to Safeguarding Adults at risk.
- All adults have the right to be safe from harm and must be able to live free from fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Objectives

- Everyone who participates in bowls is entitled to do so in a safe and enjoyable environment.
- The Club is committed to helping everyone in bowls accept their responsibility to safeguard adults at risk, from harm and abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Members and volunteers working with adults at risk in bowls have a responsibility to report concerns to their Club Safeguarding Officer.

Definition of an Adult at Risk

- Adult at Risk is a person aged 18 or over who is in need of care and support regardless of whether they are receiving it, and because of those needs, are unable to protect themselves against abuse or neglect. In recent years, there has been a marked shift away from using the term ‘vulnerable’ to describe adults potentially at risk from harm or abuse.

Responsibilities and Communication

- Kingsland Bowling Club's Safeguarding Policy will be available to all members, parents, volunteers and participants. It is important that adults at risk are protected from abuse. All complaints, allegations or suspicions must be taken seriously with the Club Safeguarding Officer passing information to the appropriate Bowls England Safeguarding Officer and informing the appropriate Club members where relevant.
- The Club has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including referring any appropriate disciplinary action to Bowls England as appropriate.

Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be reviewed one year after being introduced and then every three years or in response to significant new legislation by the Executive Committee and amended as appropriate. Guidance from Bowls National Governing Bodies will be sought as part of the review process.
- The policy will be monitored in partnership with the Bowls England and Bowls Development Alliance procedures.

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