Calderdale Badger Protection Group

Safeguarding Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to protect people, particularly children or at risk adults, from any harm that may be caused due to their coming into contact with Calderdale Badger Protection Group.

This includes harm arising from

- the conduct of group members within the group, and
- the design and implementation of the group's programmes and activities.

Scope:

- All members of the group.

Policy Statement

Calderdale Badger Protection Group acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and at risk adults and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and at risk adults are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, everyone we come into contact with has the right to be protected from all forms of harm, abuse and exploitation. The group will not tolerate abuse or exploitation by group members .

The policy will address the following areas of safeguarding:

- Child safeguarding
- Adult Safeguarding

Responsibilities

- Ensure all members are familiar with and have access to the policy
- Design and undertake all activities in a way that protects people from any risk of harm that may arise from coming into contact with the group
- Follow up on reports of safeguarding concerns promptly and with due process (see http://calderdale-safeguarding.co.uk/)

- Members will commit not to behave or act in any way that puts a child or vulnerable adult at risk of harm.

How to report a safeguarding concern

- Members who have a complaint or concern should report it immediately to the named safeguarding officer.
- The group will follow up safeguarding concerns according to policy and procedure, following Calderdale's safeguarding policies (http://calderdale-safeguarding.co.uk/).

To ensure the safeguarding obligations of the group are met:

- Membership shall not be extended to under 18s unless as part of a family membership, alongside a parent or guardian.
- Under 18s will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian on any group activities
- If children outside the group engage in any of the group's activities, e.g. facepainting at a stall, or educational activities, they would need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult in loco parentis.

This policy will be reviewed every 12 months. It may also be updated as part of ongoing improvement activities and revised, when necessary, in response to feedback and changes in practices.