

STRACHUR MEMORIAL HALL, MULTICOURT AND PLAYGROUND

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE/PROTECTED ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY



This statement of policy and procedures applies to all users of, and all activities within Strachur Memorial Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of Strachur Memorial Hall. This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable/protected adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

It is the intention of the Strachur Memorial Hall Management Committee and Trustees to ensure that all children and vulnerable/protected adults are provided with a safe and secure environment and are protected from harm.

The welfare of every child and vulnerable/protected adult is paramount. Everyone has the right to protection from abuse whether it be physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect.

All people associated with Strachur Memorial Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable/protected adults.

Strachur Memorial Hall Committee require that any adult working with children and vulnerable/protected adults and having unsupervised access must be a member of the PVG scheme with Disclosure Scotland except when it is indicated by Disclosure Scotland that membership of the scheme is not required. Hirers for activities involving children and vulnerable/protected adults, other than those arranged as private events e.g. parties, should have Child and Vulnerable/Protected Adult policies in place fully complying with the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. These policies will be carried out and reviewed regularly to confirm that they adhere to current legislation and regulation and must be available to the management committee on request. More details of this can be found at **Volunteer Scotland** 01786 479593; email: hello@volunteerscotland.org.uk or **Disclosure Services** 01786849777; email: disclosures@volunteerscotland.org.uk

Strachur Memorial Hall, will have a nominated Child and Vulnerable/Protected Adult representative to whom any suspicions or concerns relating to safeguarding may be reported. The Hall will maintain an environment in which people have the opportunity to raise concerns in relation to any child protection or vulnerable/protected user. The nominated person is the **Chair of the Committee**. The Chairperson has the responsibility for reporting concerns that arise as a matter of urgency to the police (national telephone numbers apply) and/or Social Work Dept. - tel. no. 01546605517 – for the Social Work Duty Officer.

It is the responsibility of the hirer to guarantee that any person who has contact with children and/or vulnerable/protected adults in their care is never left alone with the child or adult unless they have been checked by Disclosure Scotland. All hirers and users of the halls should be aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable/protected adults in their care is their responsibility. It is also the responsibility of all hall users that they do not jeopardise the Vulnerable/Protected Adult and Child Protection Policies of other groups who may be using the halls at the same time. All groups are asked to be conscious of concerns that may ensue over the sharing of hall facilities and to make sure that appropriate supervision/arrangements are made.

Hirers and users of the hall must be aware of their obligations under the Licensing (Scotland) Act to provide assurance that no alcohol is sold to those under the age of 18.

Acceptance of this Safeguarding Policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the halls.