



## KCFC Protecting Vulnerable Groups Policy

KCFC recognises the need to be committed to Protecting Vulnerable Groups and to have a policy in place that ensures that all involved in KCFC and its working groups have an understanding of and agree to be committed to such a policy, as given below:

KCFC is committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of children and young people and all vulnerable people by

- protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse
- showing respect and understanding for their rights
- providing Child Protection training and support to volunteers and by ensuring that volunteers are members of the PVG scheme.

KCFC understands and accepts responsibilities enshrined in law

- that children and young people and all vulnerable persons have a right to be protected and be safe from harm from others and that children have equal rights to protection from harm
- that the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 states that anyone aged 16 or over, who has care and control of a child, has a duty to do all that is reasonable in the circumstances to safeguard a child's health, development and welfare.

KCFC adopts the *child protection policy* of Stirling Council and requires that the appropriate *code of conduct* in that policy should be followed.

KCFC undertakes to take action in the event of:

- suspicion that abuse is being or has been inflicted on a child, young or vulnerable person
  - an allegation is received of abuse by an adult associated with KCFC
- i) the matter should be reported immediately to the Child Protection Co-ordinator who is Heather Wright (tel 550980)
  - ii) the appropriate pro forma should be completed
  - iii) the matter should be referred to the appropriate agency:
    - Stirling Council Social Work department (01786 471177)  
out of hours (01786 470500)
    - Police Scotland – emergency 999; non-emergency 101
  - iv) it should be noted that once an incident has been reported to the appropriate agency the information should only be shared with those who need to know.