

Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups within the Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band (CCPB).

1. Introduction

The CCPB acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The CCPB is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

This policy will apply to all children up the age of 16 years and adults at risk. An adult at risk is someone who is aged 16 years and over who:

- (i) Is unable to safeguard his/her own wellbeing, property, rights or other interests.
- (ii) Is at risk of harm
- (iii) Who may be affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, and more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected.

This policy refers to activities undertaken by individuals who are engaged as members of, or volunteers for, the Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band.

The CCPB aims to ensure that all children and adults at risk are kept safe from harm while they are engaged in CCPB sponsored activities.

The Policy is based on the understanding that:

- 1 (i) The welfare of the child or adult at risk is paramount.
- 1 (ii) All children and adults at risk, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- 1 (iii) All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- 1 (iv) All CCPB personnel engaged in CCPB activities that bring them into contact with children and adults at risk, have a responsibility to report concerns to the CCPB designated Child Protection Officer and/or the appropriate services (Police, Social Work, Childline, ChildrensI etc).
- 1 (v) CCPB personnel are not trained to deal with situations of abuse or to decide if abuse has occurred. Any concerns should be reported immediately to the CCPB CPO and/or Police or Social Services.

2. Policy aims.

The aim of the CCPB Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups is to promote good practice by:

- 2 (i) Providing children and adults at risk with appropriate safety and protection whilst involved in CCPB activities.
- 2 (ii) Encouraging and supporting all personnel to make informed and confident responses to specific issues in relation to protecting children and adults at risk.
- 2 (iii) Providing guidance and support to CCPB members and volunteers in matters relating to safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

3. Recruitment and training of instructors and Assessors

The CCPB recognises that all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that children, young people and adults at risk are appropriately safeguarded when engaged in band activities. In order to achieve this, the CCPB has a designated Child Protection Officer (CPO) who will maintain a list of CCPB members who can share the child safeguarding responsibilities, at least one of whom will be present at all CCPB activities where children or adults at risk are involved.

Therefore, the CCPB will endeavour to protect children and adults at risk by:

- 3 (i) Adopting this Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups within the CCPB.
- 3 (ii) Appointing a Designated Safeguarding Officer for the band who will be responsible for the administration and delivery of the band safeguarding policy.
- 3 (iii) Ensure that at least one designated child safeguarding member or volunteer will be present at all CCPB activities where children or adults at risk are involved.
- 3 (iv) Maintaining appropriate procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns.
- 3 (v) Making and keeping securely accurate records of any allegations or suspicions of abuse.
- 3 (vi) Handling any disclosures of abuse in an appropriate manner.
- 3 (vii) Reporting allegations of abuse to the police/social services involving parents, carers and children as appropriate.
- 3 (viii) Sharing information regarding safeguarding and good practice with children, parents and volunteers.
- 3 (ix) Ensuring CCPB members and volunteers' adherence to safety procedures.
- 3 (x) Provide access to the CCPB safeguarding policy and supporting information with guidance to children and adults on the CCPB website (<http://www.ccpb.org.uk>).