

Cragg Vale Community Limited Safeguarding Adults Policy

Cragg Vale Community Ltd is committed to ensuring people, including vulnerable people, who use our services are not abused and our working practices minimise the risk of such abuse. CVCL Committee Members, Members and Volunteers have a duty to identify abuse and report it.

Definition

Vulnerable adults are people over 18 years of age and who receive or need help and services to live in the community. Vulnerable adults may be unable to take care of themselves and unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation by other people.

Abuse can include:

- physical abuse
- financial abuse
- emotional abuse
- sexual abuse
- neglect
- psychological abuse
- emotional abuse
- discriminatory abuse

Abuse can take place in any setting, public or private, and can be perpetuated by anyone.

Rights & Responsibilities

Responsibilities of Cragg Vale Community Limited

- To ensure all Committee Members and volunteers are aware of vulnerable adults' need for protection
- To support and where possible secure the safety of individuals
- To notify the appropriate agencies if abuse is identified or suspected

Responsibilities of the Committee Members (Company Directors) of Cragg Vale Community Ltd

- To be familiar with the CVC Ltd Adult Safeguarding Policy
- To respond immediately to any allegations of abuse by informing all Committee Members
- To take appropriate action in line with the agreed policy and procedure of Cragg Vale Community Ltd and/or reporting the alleged abuse to the relevant statutory body

Support for those who report abuse

All those making a complaint or allegation or expressing concern, whether they are Committee Members or volunteers or members of the general public should be reassured that:

- They will be taken seriously
- Their comments will usually be treated confidentially, but their concerns may be shared with the appropriate authorities if they or others are at significant risk
- They will be informed of any action taken by the Committee of CVCL

Any Vulnerable Adult has the right:

- To be made aware of this policy
- To have alleged incidents recognised and taken seriously
- To receive fair and respectful treatment throughout
- To be involved in any process as appropriate
- To receive information about the outcome

CVCL is committed to reviewing this policy and procedure annually.

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