

MAULDS MEABURN VILLAGE INSTITUTE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY

Introduction

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute (MMVI) is for the use of the inhabitants of Maulds Meaburn and the neighbourhood as well as others who may wish to use its premises for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. This may include the provision of activities for children and vulnerable adults. It is the intention of the MMVI management to ensure that children and vulnerable adults who come into the premises are provided with a safe and secure environment and are protected from harm.

Definitions:

Child:

Any person under 18 years of age.

Vulnerable adult:

Any person aged 18 years and over who is, or may be, in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is, or may be, unable to take care of themselves, or who is, or may be, unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.

Principles:

1. MMVI's Hiring Agreement and Health and Safety Policy set out the responsibilities and conditions of hire which the management committee have in place for the use of MMVI facilities.

Individuals or groups who wish to use the premises for activities involving children and/or vulnerable adults must also comply with additional conditions. Acceptance of compliance will be a condition of hire and, although in some circumstances a verbal agreement will be accepted, a signature confirming agreement may be required when confirming a booking.

The management committee will not hire the institute to commercial, charitable or not for profit organisations providing activities for children or vulnerable adults unless the organisation can demonstrate it is compliant with all relevant and current child or vulnerable adult legislation. This may include the organisation providing proof that the necessary Disclosure and Barring Scheme checks have been carried out.

Hire for private parties arranged for invited friends and family only will be conditional on hirers stating their awareness of, and willingness to comply with appropriate safeguarding.

4. The management committee will comply with relevant employment legislation and ensure relevant risk assessments have been carried out if employing children or vulnerable adults.

5. Events for young people by MMVI will be supervised by some one with a current DBS and although they may be assisted by some one without the DBS holder should be in the room with the young people.

Signed: *Pete Button*

Position: Chair

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(for and on behalf of the management committee)

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