

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1. Gosforth Garden Village Association believes that everyone has a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.
2. We will make sure that all children, young people and vulnerable adults have the same protection regardless of age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief.
3. We recognise the additional needs of children, young people and vulnerable adults from minority ethnic groups and those experiencing disability and the barriers they may face, especially around communication.
4. This policy statement is for all children and young people under the age of 18, it also applies to any adults who are identified or identify themselves as vulnerable.
5. We are aware of the role of our Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and a Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) and the current main legislation and guidance that supports the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults and how this applies to Gosforth Garden Village Association.
6. Gosforth Garden Village Associations safeguarding responsibility is limited to the provision of Gosforth Garden Village Association facilities and not any subsequent users/hirers (including Gosforth Garden Village Bowls club and Tennis club).
7. It is the responsibility of the Gosforth Garden Village Bowls club and Tennis club and all hirers of Gosforth Garden Village Association facilities to have their own safeguarding officers and policies.
8. We have a nominated safeguarding officer – contact details are available on request.
9. If there are any concerns about safeguarding matters, please contact **safeguardingGGVA@hotmail.com**
10. All concerns will be acknowledged, recorded, investigated and responded to in a timely manner.
11. This safeguarding policy will be made available to all trustees and committee members of Gosforth Garden Village Association.
12. This policy was approved by the Gosforth Garden Village Association committee on 10.09.2019.

This policy will be reviewed annually and refreshed in five years, unless otherwise required the Gosforth Garden Village Association committee.