

CIVIC PRIDE
...Rosendale



Safeguarding Policy

V0.1

07/01/2026

1. Introduction

This Safeguarding Policy is set in the context of the 2025 and 2026 versions of three Civic Pride Rossendale (CPR) documents:-

- 1 Constitution;
- 2 Operational Rules; and
- 3 Health and Safety Policy.

This policy is reviewed annually by CPR's Safeguarding lead prior to discussion and adoption by meetings of CPR's Trustees and Officers.

Our policy states that children and vulnerable adults (CVA) should be kept safe from all forms of abuse, neglect or harm.

2. Definitions

Definitions for the purpose of this policy:-

- a **child** is anyone under the age of 18; and
- a **vulnerable adult** is one who has increased risk of abuse, neglect or harm as a consequence of any special educational need or disability.

3. Legislation

The relevant legislations, easily available online to all, are:-

- Keeping Children Safe in Education Act 2024;
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023;
- The Children Act 2006;
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 plus amendments (2007/2014); and
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

4. Practical aspects for CPR volunteers

It is acknowledged that some CPR volunteers may have neither Safeguarding training nor DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks. Due to the context in which CPR works, it is not possible to have either the training or those checks in place for all volunteers.

CPR's role in this context is as facilitator for the wider community's involvement in our core purpose activities (see CPR Constitution). This can include providing opportunities for the wider community's CVA to work with us. The CVA should be accompanied by the relevant person from this list:-

- 1 CVA's parent/legal guardian/approved carer;

- 2 CVA's support worker; and
- 3 CVA's accredited representative from the group or organisation with whom CPR is working : e.g. teacher or leader, from a school or uniformed organisation.

The CPR volunteer leading the session must make a judgement as to whether any CVA's presence at that session is appropriate, taking into account the presence or otherwise of the relevant person (see previous paragraph). If need be the volunteer leading the session can consult CPR's Safeguarding lead (see below).

On some occasions the CPR volunteer facilitating the contact and the relevant person will agree that the CVA may work independently (e.g. when gaining Duke of Edinburgh Award accreditation). The relevant person must then agree that all aspects of the CVA's welfare remains with him/her and not with CPR or its volunteers.

Notwithstanding these practical aspects, it is everyone's responsibility to keep CVA safe. Thus, any CPR volunteer might become aware during a working session of CVA abuse/neglect/risk of harm. This could arise from observation of an incident or from something the CVA says or does. This must be reported immediately to (a) the CPR volunteer leading the session (b) the CPR Safeguarding contact (see below) who will record the concern (c) Lancashire Safeguarding Team (see below).

5. CPR Safeguarding contacts

CPR's Safeguarding lead is Chris Blomerley chris@civic-pride.org.uk, tel. 07877 211314.

If he is unavailable:-

- CPR Chair: Lynn Smith, lynns@civic-pride.org.uk, tel. 07772 084946; or
- Vice Chair: Charlotte Hocking, charlotte@civic-pride.org.uk, tel. 07762016595

Thereafter contact info@civic-pride.org.uk, tel. 07955 110199

6. Lancashire Safeguarding team contact details

0300 123 6720 (8am to 8pm) or 0300 123 6722 at other times.

Footnote : if you have any uncertainties pertaining to Safeguarding, please ask CPR's contacts. No question will be regarded as silly!

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