

Solway Sinfonia
Policy On The Safeguarding Of Children And Vulnerable Adults
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Safeguarding Policy

1. The Solway Sinfonia is committed to the protection of children and vulnerable adults. It regards the safeguarding and promoting of the interests and well-being of children or any other vulnerable person as of paramount concern. All, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical or mental and from neglect.
2. All members of the Solway Sinfonia have a responsibility to report any concerns about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult to the Child Protection Officer or, if that person is not available, to a committee member. If any such report is made to a committee member they must, as soon as possible, make it known to the Child Protection Officer.
3. The Child Protection Officer shall be whoever is the holder, from time to time, of the office of Chairman of the committee.
4. All suspicions and allegations of abuse, whether current or historical, will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. The child or other vulnerable person about whom there is a concern will receive minimal questioning and will not be prompted in any way.
5. All information received or observed will be noted as soon as possible on the safeguarding incident report form and will thereafter be made known as a matter of urgency (in the case of either a child or a vulnerable adult) to the local Social Work Services Office or (in the case of a child) the NSPCC (**see Appendix 1 for contact details**).
6. All reported concerns, including the basis for them, should be clearly stated by the Child Protection Officer to Social Work Services and all telephone calls should be followed up in writing within 48 hours by the Child Protection Officer giving as much detail as possible.
7. If the Child Protection Officer is unhappy with the response from Social Work Services, they can contact the police and outline their concerns to them (**see Appendix 1 for contact details**).
8. A copy of this policy is available to download from the Solway Sinfonia website along with the incident report form.

To whom does this policy apply?

1. This policy applies to young people under the age of 18 and to any other vulnerable person of any age whose needs have been identified to the committee of the Solway Sinfonia.

Policy Review

1. The Solway Sinfonia committee will review this policy annually before each AGM.

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Appendix 1

If you are worried that a child or a vulnerable adult might be at risk of harm you should contact one of the following:

Dumfries & Galloway Council Social Work Department:

Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is the single point of contact.

Call - 030 33 33 3000 and ask for Children's MASH.

Out of hours service – 0800 811 505

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Police Scotland Crimestoppers line: 0800 555 111

Police non-emergency line: 101