



Goss Croft Hall

Vulnerable Adult and Child Protection Policy

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, bullying, exclusion or neglect. Bullying, shouting, physical violence, sexism and racism towards children or vulnerable adults will not be tolerated.

The Trustees of Goss Croft Hall have a duty to safeguard children and vulnerable adults who utilize the hall and its facilities, and those who may come into contact with vulnerable users. The Hirer is responsible for events under their control.

Abuse is defined as *“a violation of an individual’s human or civil rights by any other person or persons”* (The Department of Health guidance No Secrets).

A vulnerable adult is defined as a person *“who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of disability, age or illness; and is or may be unable to take care of or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation”*. (1997 Consultation *“Who Decides?”* issued by the Lord Chancellor’s Department).

Policy Statement

- All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately. A member of the trustees will be appointed to whom suspicions or concerns should be reported. This person has the responsibility of reporting concerns that arise to the Local Authority Child Protection Agency.
- The Trustees will aim to keep the premises safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. All Trustees of Goss Croft Hall recognize that a high standard of safety is required where use is made by small children and physically disabled adults.
- It is the Hirer’s responsibility to be familiar with the contents of the Health and Safety Policy of Goss Croft Hall.
- Hirer’s must be aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under 18 years of age. [See T&Cs Licensed Events](#)
- Hirer’s must be aware that no children are admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film on show.
- No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises
- Organisations hiring the hall for activities for children/vulnerable adults must comply with any statutory requirements regarding supervising staff and assistants and to have a written Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults Policy available for inspection at all times.

- Any user hiring the hall to provide a regular facility for Children (playgroups, clubs etc.) will be required to show their CRB disclosure certificate to the Booking Secretary who will record the disclosure number. Any delegation of that hirer to other people to supervise the children is the responsibility of the hirer.
- The exception to the above is when the hall is hired out for a private children's party. The Trustees take no action to vet the person(s) hiring the hall for such one-off events.

Goss Croft Hall Trustees do not supervise children or vulnerable adults as part of their function within the Committee.

In the event that the Trustees organise an event which includes children it is always stated that children must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Trustee responsible for Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

Name:-

Signature.....

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