

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy

‘Timberscombe Good Neighbours’ is committed to ensuring that vulnerable people who use our services are not abused and that working practices minimise the risk of such abuse and any instances of possible abuse are identified and reported. The definition of vulnerable adults is people who are over 18 years of age and are getting or may need help and services to live in the community. Vulnerable adults may be unable to take care of themselves and unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation by other people.

Abuse can include: physical, financial, material, sexual, psychological, discriminatory, emotional abuse and neglect. Abuse can take place in any setting, public or private, and can be perpetuated by anyone.

Rights & Responsibilities

- To ensure helpers/volunteers are aware of vulnerable adult’s need for protection
- To notify the appropriate agencies if abuse is identified or suspected
- To support and, where possible, secure the safety of individuals and ensure that all referrals to services have full information in relation to identified risk and vulnerability
- To DBS check helpers/volunteers who have access to or work with vulnerable adults

Responsibilities of ‘Timberscombe Good Neighbours’:

- To be familiar with the vulnerable adult protection policy
- To take appropriate action in line with the policy of ‘Timberscombe Good Neighbours’

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- To declare any existing or subsequent convictions.
All those making a complaint or allegation or expressing concern should be reassured that:
- They will be taken seriously.
- Their comments will usually be treated confidentially, but their concerns may be shared with the appropriate authorities if they or others are at significant risk.
- To be made aware of this policy.
- To have alleged incidents recognised and taken seriously.
- To receive fair and respectful treatment throughout.
- To be involved in any process as appropriate.
- To receive information about the outcome.
We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.
- Chairman's Signature: _____
- Adopted on: _____
Reviewed date: Reviewed every 2 years