

## **Safeguarding Policy (Adult)**

This policy applies to all members, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of the London and Southern Counties Regional Committee (L&SCRC), and to members, volunteers and supporters of all band staking part in the Regional Contest.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the commitment of the L&SCRC to safeguarding adults (over 18s) and to ensure that everyone involved in it is aware of:

- The legislation, policy and procedures for safeguarding adults.
- Their role and responsibility for safeguarding adults.
- What to do or who to speak to if they have a concern relating to the welfare or wellbeing of an adult within the organisation.

### Legal framework

Safeguarding Adults in all home nations is compliant with United Nations directives on the rights of disabled people and commitments to the rights of older people. It is covered by:

- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Data Protection Act 2018
- General Data Protection Regulations 2018

The practices and procedures within this policy are based on the relevant legislation and government guidance for England - The Care Act 2014 Care and Support Statutory Guidance (especially chapter 14) 2014

You can find out more about legislation here: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/differences-between-safeguarding-in-wales-and-england>

### **We will seek to keep adults at risk of abuse safe by ensuring that:**

- Everyone involved with L&SCRC is aware of the safeguarding adult procedures and knows what to do and who to contact if they have a concern relating to the welfare or wellbeing of an adult.
- Any concern that an adult is not safe is taken seriously, responded to promptly, and followed up in line with L&SCRC Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures.
- The well-being of those at risk of harm will be put first and the adult actively supported to communicate their views and the outcomes they want to achieve. Where necessary advice on individual cases will be sought from the Ann Craft Trust.
- Any actions taken will respect the rights and dignity of all those involved and be proportionate to the risk of harm.
- L&SCRC acts in accordance with best practice advice, for example, from Brass Bands England (BBE), Ann Craft Trust.
- L&SCRC will cooperate with the Police and the relevant Local Authorities in taking action to safeguard an adult.
- All members and volunteers understand their role and responsibility for safeguarding adults
- shares information about anyone found to be a risk to adults with the appropriate bodies. For example: Disclosure and Barring Service, Services, Police, Local Authority/Social Services.

Useful contact details:

Safeguarding Lead: Jane Stewart 07980 407831

Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Nigel Hall (07772 249916)

Police: [online](#) or telephone 101 or 999 (in an emergency)

Adult Safeguarding concern: [hcs portal](#) or 0300 123 4042 (24/7)

The Ann Craft Trust: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/help-advice> 0115 951 5400

The Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/> tel: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> tel:0808 2000 247

Brass Bands England Safeguarding Officer: 01226 771015

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

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Signed: Jane Stewart

L&SCRC Safeguarding Lead