

# WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Safeguarding Policy -  
POL-01

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## Introduction

The Wittering Parish Council comprises nine voluntary Councillors who represent a resident population of around 2,000 and they are supported by Representatives of the Royal Air Force.

Our Policies and procedures have been developed to ensure that we provide full assurance on the integrity and conduct of our Parish Council, and its councillors.

## Policy Statement

Children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to participate, have fun and be safe in the services provided for them and the activities they choose, or their parents or carers choose for them.

Wittering Parish Council is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and protecting them from abuse when they are engaged in services organised and provided by Wittering Parish Council.

Wittering Parish Council will try and keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse. Suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately. Wittering Parish Council will act in the best interests of the child, young person or vulnerable adult at all times.

Wittering Parish Council will seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable young adults who may always be permanent or temporary residents living in the community.

Wittering Parish Council are committed to ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children, young people or vulnerable adults by using established recruitment and selection processes.

Wittering Parish Council will take any concern made by a service user, employee, volunteer, child, young person or vulnerable adult seriously and sensitively. Concerns cannot be anonymous.

## Procedure

Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the Wittering Parish Council Clerk who will report the concern to the relevant departments at Peterborough City Council.

Those raising the concern will be made aware that the concern will be shared with the appropriate people investigating the concern, but the concern will be treated in the strictest confidence as far as it possible to do so.

The concern will not be discussed by Wittering Parish Council councillors, except, in the first instance, with the Wittering Parish Council Clerk and any agent of the organisation responsible for investigating the concern.

## Revision History

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