

# Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

## **Policy Statement Summary on Safeguarding**

1. This organisation has a statutory and moral duty to ensure that it functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people receiving a service on the premises.
2. The reference to “children and young people” means “those under the age of 18”. This organisation also recognises that some adults are also vulnerable to abuse, accordingly, the procedures may be applied (with appropriate adaptations) to allegations of abuse and the protection of vulnerable adults. A vulnerable adult is defined in 'No Secrets' (the Government's Guidance on Adult Abuse) as “a person aged 18 years or over, who is in receipt of or may be in need of community care services by reason of 'mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.”
3. This organisation is committed to ensuring that our establishment provides:

3.1 A culture that prioritises safeguarding among all its users.

3.2 Prevention by providing a safe and trusted environment for children and young people to receive services (refer [www.mbdvh.org.uk](http://www.mbdvh.org.uk)) policies, procedures, positive atmosphere.

3.3 Protection by advising users to (as far as is reasonably practical) identify children and young people who are suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm, e.g. by neglect, physical injury, sexual abuse or emotional abuse, and then to report such harm to the relevant authorities.

3.4 Support by advising users to take appropriate action to see that such children and young people are kept safe, while on the premises.

The Designated Safeguarding Officer is: Chair of the MBD Village Hall

The Deputy is: Vice Chair(s) of the MBD Village Hall