

Bradley Stoke Bowls Club

Child and at Risk Adult Protection Policy Statement

All children and at risk adults regardless of age, gender, racial origin, religious belief, sexual identity or disability have the right to enjoy sport free from all forms of abuse or poor practice. A child is defined as anyone under the age of 18 years. An at risk adult is a person aged 18 years or over who is 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.

To implement the Policy Statement, Bradley Stoke Bowls Club will:

- Risk assess the hazards applicable to the protection of children and at risk adults
- Appoint a Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officer who should receive appropriate training for the role. The Safeguarding and Welfare Officer will promote a culture of listening to children and at risk adults and take into account their wishes and feelings
- Investigate all allegations of abuse and take appropriate action in confidence
- Review the Policy Statement and risk assessment annually before the start of the bowling season or earlier if appropriate

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