Presteigne Memorial Hall Safeguarding Policy

 **7.1 Purpose**

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk from abuse or neglect.

This policy defines how Presteigne Memorial Hall operates to safeguard children, young people, and adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

We have a duty of care and are committed to the protection and safety of everyone who enters our premises including children, young people and adults at risk involved as visitors and/or as participants in all activities and events. We also have a duty to safeguard and support our trustees, volunteers, and staff.

 **7.2 Definitions**

Children and young people are defined as those persons aged under 18 years old. This policy will apply to all staff, contractors and volunteers and will be used to support their work.

The trustee responsible for Safeguarding is Lynne Owens

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

* protecting children from maltreatment
* preventing impairment of children’s health and development
* ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
* taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

For the purposes of this policy, an adult at risk refers to someone over 18 years old who,

according to Section 42 of the Care Act 2014:

* has care and support needs
* is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect
* as a result of their care and support needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.
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If someone has care and support needs but is not currently receiving care or support from a health or care service, they may still be an adult at risk.

 Persons affected refers to:

* All trustees, volunteers, and staff.
* All those attending any activity or service that is being delivered from the Memorial Hall
* charity property.
* All visitors and contractors.

 **7.3 Policy principles**

There can be no excuses for not taking all reasonable action to protect children and adults at risk from abuse or neglect. All citizens of the United Kingdom have their rights enshrined within the Human Rights Act 1998. People who are eligible to receive health and community care services may be additionally vulnerable to the violation of these rights by reason of disability, impairment, age, or illness.

Presteigne Memorial Hall charity has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Presteigne Memorial Hall charity recognises that under the Care Act 2014, it has a duty for the care and protection of adults who are at risk of abuse. It also recognises its responsibilities for the safety and care of children under the Children Act 1989 and 2004.