



### **Safeguarding Adults at Risk – Policy Statement**

Broadstairs Cricket Club believes that it is a fundamental human right to be safe from harm and abuse and will not tolerate abuse of any adult at risk towards or by any cricket people, or any other person.

This Policy relates to all people working within our cricket environment, including those who are both paid and unpaid, employees and volunteers.

Broadstairs Cricket Club is committed to providing opportunities for people to take part in cricket, and to helping to achieve their potential. To achieve this, Broadstairs Cricket Club will:

- take a positive approach to safeguarding adults at risk, aiming to provide a positive cricket experience to support the wider strategic objective of growing and sustaining the sport;
- seek to ensure cricket is an inclusive sport and ensure ways of adapting cricket for any ability, disability or impairment, will continue to be developed, monitored and reviewed;
- continually seek ways to improve the safety and well-being of all adults at risk who play cricket;
- emphasise that everyone in cricket has a shared responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of all adults at risk who play cricket;
- recognise that ability and disability can change over time, such that some adults may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, for example those who have a dependency on others or have different communication needs;
- recognise that a disabled adult mayor may not be identified as an adult at risk; and
- provide support and advice to cricket venues and people working in cricket;

Broadstairs Cricket Club is committed to improving outcomes for adults at risk by adhering to current legislation that supports the safeguarding of adults, which includes:

- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012;
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006;

- The Mental Capacity Act 2005;
- The Equality Act 2010;
- Protecting Adults at risk: London Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures to Safeguard Adults from Abuse (2011); and
- Information Sharing Guidance for Practitioners and Managers (HM Government 2008). Further legislation, specific to adults at risk, is anticipated.

Broadstairs Cricket Club continually seeks ways to improve the safety and well-being of all adults at risk who play cricket at the club. To ensure our practice is current and responsive to the needs of adults at risk, Broadstairs Cricket Club reviews all work in line with guidance issued by the ECB

As a Cricket Clubmark club, we have a designated Welfare Officer who can access support from the Safeguarding team, ensuring they promote safety and well-being at the club, identify and address any poor practice or abusive behaviour and respond in a timely manner to any suspected abuse.

This policy is fully supported by the Broadstairs Cricket Club's officers and management committee who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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