

South Cumbria Musical Festival

Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy

We recognise that:

- the welfare of any Vulnerable Adult is paramount
- a Vulnerable Adult is anyone aged 18 or over who has needs for care and support or/and is experiencing abuse or neglect
- all Vulnerable Adults, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- working in partnership with Vulnerable Adults, their carers and other agencies is essential in promoting Vulnerable Adults' welfare

The purpose of the policy:

- to provide protection for any Vulnerable Adults who participate in our festival
- to provide staff and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a Vulnerable Adult may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm

We will seek to safeguard Vulnerable Adults by:

- valuing them, listening to, and respecting them
- appointing at least one Festival Safeguarding Officer
- adopting a safe and balanced approach to the issue of creating and using photography and images of Vulnerable Adults at our festival and in our communications
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving Vulnerable Adults and carers appropriately
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training

South Cumbria Musical Festival will review this policy each year or sooner in light of any changes in legislation or guidance.

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Next review due: June 2027