

## **Safeguarding Policy for children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults**

### **Safeguarding children (under 16s), Young Persons (16-18) and Vulnerable Adults means**

- a) protecting them from harm, abuse & maltreatment: (physical, mental, sexual, and emotional) by compliance with the Children Act 1989 and 2014 and the Data Protection Act 2018
- b) promoting the best outcomes by effective care

### **Risk Assessment**

The society recognises that children (under 16s), Young Persons (under 18s) and Vulnerable adults have the right to be protected and kept safe from harm or abuse. We will make every effort to minimise risk in these areas.

The society take very seriously any concerns identified because of any inappropriate direct or indirect contact with children, young adults, and vulnerable adults. We will report any issues to relevant social services/police.

### **Benefits**

Keswick Choral Society encourages children. Young adults and vulnerable adults to participate in musical activities and to join with them in concert performances. We recognise the advantages that this type of activity can have in terms of personal development.

### **Procedures**

1. There will be an appointed co-ordinator responsible for:
  - a. Revising the safeguarding policy on a regular basis (every 3 years) or following any serious incident
  - b. Making the KCS membership familiar with its contents and requirements
  - c. Overseeing the appropriateness of the venue for the children, young adults, or vulnerable adults
  - d. Liaising with those in charge of the groups/ individuals:
  - e. Review with the executive committee any need for Disclosure & Barring Service checks
2. An appropriate environment for all activities shall be available from the providers of the of the venue: e.g., Buildings used for performance or rehearsal, access, toilet facilities, materials for participation.
3. The overall responsibility for groups of children or vulnerable adults who participate as guest performers in events put on by the Keswick Choral Society will be with suitably qualified and experienced adults for example teachers, parents, carers, or those in forms of loco parentis within the participating organisation.
  - a. Parental consent for under 16s and 16-18s shall be obtained from the organisation involved.
  - b. Parents/teachers to be responsible in transporting the participants to and from the rehearsal/event.
  - c. Carers or suitably qualified and experienced adults to be responsible for transporting vulnerable adults.
  - d. While participating, the children. young persons or vulnerable adults must be supervised by their responsible adults and shall not be separated from their group.
  - e. Should a concern arise the co-ordinator and person in charge of group/participants shall be informed, relevant information shall be collected and assessed and if serious passed on to the social services and the police.  
West Cumbria safeguarding hub: tel. 03332401727  
Police: tel. 101 or if circumstances warrant 999
- f. Vulnerable adults who are full time members of the KCS should be under the supervision of a member of the choir or attend with a designated carer/friend. Their needs e.g., seating, access, materials should be discussed beforehand.