



A Model Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy for Adoption by a Rotaract District

The Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy of District *(insert district no.)*
.....of Rotaract in GB & I

District *(insert district no.)*of Rotaract in Great Britain & Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.

- The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority.
- It is the duty of every Rotaractor to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the assault, physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotaract duties.

The district will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by:

- Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of Rotaract activities and events.
- Appointing a Rotaractor with responsibility for protection issues in the district: the District Protection Officer. (There is no need for this to be a separate post on the district team – the position can be combined with an existing position such as community officer, District Chairman, or someone on the team with protection experience (such as a teacher).)
- Appointing a Rotaractor with responsibility for protection issues in each Rotaract club who will make links with the Rotary District Protection Officer to obtain police clearance.
- Adopting protection guidelines that give clear procedures and a code of conduct for Rotaract clubs, Rotaractors, staff and other helpers and associated volunteers.
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed.
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, Rotaractors, staff, helpers and associated volunteers.
- Issuing guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know.
- Advising on appropriate training for Rotaractors, staff, helpers and associated volunteers in the processes and procedures of child and vulnerable adult protection.
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment and selection of Rotaractors, staff, helpers and associated volunteers to assist with projects and activities.
- Monitoring and reviewing this policy and the associated procedures on a regular basis, at least annually.

This policy statement must be read in conjunction with the Explanatory Notes and Appendices that accompany it.

Signature (DRR): Dated:.....

Name (DRR):

The statement of policy

A Rotaract District should formally agree the statement outlined above and this should be recorded in the minutes of a district meeting.