

Rushen Silver Band Safeguarding Policy



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This policy applies to all members, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of **Rushen Silver Band** and/or **Ballafesson Brass**

The purpose of this policy:

1. To protect children, young people and adults with care and support needs who are members of the band or connected to the band in some other way.
2. To provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

Rushen Silver Band believes that a child, young person or adult with care and support needs should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child is paramount.
 - all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
 - some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues; and
 - working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.
- In addition, bands are aware that they also have safeguarding responsibilities towards adult members, some of whom may be vulnerable at different times in their lives. The principles outlined above in relation to children, also apply to our work with adults. Safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:
- has care and support needs, and
 - is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, and,
 - as a result of those care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

We will seek to keep children, young people and adults safe by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them, ensuring that, in the case of adults, we work with their consent unless 'vital interests' are at stake, or the person has been assessed as lacking mental capacity;
- adopting child protection and adult safeguarding practices through procedures and a code of conduct for and members and volunteers;
- ensuring that our governance arrangements reflect our commitment to safeguarding
- working to ensure that there is a safe culture within our band
- developing and implementing an effective e-safety policy and related procedures;
- providing effective support and training for volunteers with responsibility;
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made;
- sharing information about child protection and adult safeguarding with children, parents, volunteers and members;
- sharing concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately.

Useful contact details:

Person / Organisation	Contact Details
Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer:	Joanna (Jo) Kinley 07624 407141 joannakinley@yahoo.co.uk
Deputy Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer:	Matthew Callister 07624 332659 matthewcallister@me.com
Local police:	01624 631212 or 999 in an emergency
Isle of Man Government children's social care department	01624 686179 – Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4.30pm. 01624 631212 – out of office hours – as to speak to the duty social worker.
NSPCC Helpline:	0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk
ChildLine:	0800 1111 (textphone 0800 400 222) or www.childline.org.uk
The Samaritans:	https://www.samaritans.org/
National Domestic Abuse Helpline:	https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/
Isle of Man Government adult social care department:	01624 685969 – Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4.30pm. 01624631212 – out of office hours – ask to speak to the duty social worker.
Brass Bands England Safeguarding Officer:	01226 771015

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 19th March 2023

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer:

Jo Kinley



Band Chairman :

Chris Weldon

