

NMCS Safeguarding Policy

Policy statement

For the purposes of this policy:

- A child is someone under the age of 18.
- A vulnerable adult is someone who may be unable to take care of themselves or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.

Nenthead Mines Conservation Society (NMCS) acknowledges a duty of care to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults when engaged in activities under the auspices of NMCS.

NMCS aims to ensure its safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and government guidance.

NMCS aims to ensure that all children and vulnerable adults have a positive and enjoyable experience and are protected from abuse whilst engaging with NMCS in an environment that is appropriate to their needs.

NMCS Safeguarding Policy-related procedures will ensure that:

- Safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults engaged in NMCS activities.
- Everyone engaged in the delivery of NMCS activities for NMCS understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with resources to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children or vulnerable adults.
- Action is taken by NMCS in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse coming to light. Confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns brought to the attention of NMCS are maintained and stored.

This policy and related procedures will be promoted to NMCS Members, Associates, and others operating under the direction of NMCS in the delivery of NMCS-related activities.

Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed promptly.

Concern contact points

- If you have concerns about a child in Westmorland and Furness, telephone 0300 3732724.
- If you have concerns about a vulnerable adult in Westmorland and Furness contact the Westmorland and Furness Council Adult Social Care Team at 0300 373 3301 (Out of Hours 01539 768700).

From <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/safeguarding-adults>
- telephone numbers updated 23 September 2025

Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance.
- As required by any bodies that provide grant aid.
- As a result of any other significant change or event.

History

1. Issue 10 November 2020
2. Review February 2022
3. Next review due February 2025
4. Reviewed January 2025 - suggestion of adding Local Authority safeguarding team(s) contact details to be considered by trustees - done in February
5. Review 23 September 2025
6. Next review by September 2028