

Derby Community Table Tennis Club

General Safeguarding Policy

This policy complements our **Child Safeguarding Policy** and **Membership Policy** and should be read in conjunction with them.

Aim of This Policy

This policy aims to ensure the safeguarding of all individuals within the Derby Community Table Tennis Club (DCTTC). It emphasises our dedication to the promotion of well-being, protection from harm, and respect for the rights, wishes, and feelings of everyone in our club.

Main Principles

DCTTC upholds the following fundamental principles:

Awareness of Responsibilities:

Everyone in our club should be aware of their responsibilities regarding safeguarding. As outlined in our separate Child Safeguarding Policy and General Membership Policy, we're committed to the safety and well-being of both children and adults in our community.

Welfare is Paramount:

The welfare of all individuals, children and adults alike, is always our top priority.

Right to Protection:

All members have the right to protection from abuse, irrespective of their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief, and/or sexual identity.

Prompt and Sensitive Response:

Any allegations or concerns raised will be taken seriously. DCTTC guarantees a prompt, sensitive, and appropriate response to all reports, ensuring all necessary actions are taken.

Fair Processes:

Our processes for dealing with complaints and allegations are fair, transparent, and open to challenge through the appeals process.

Support for Whistleblowers:

DCTTC is committed to supporting anyone who, in good faith, reports concerns. This commitment is crucial in fostering a culture of trust and integrity within the club.

Adherence to Guidelines:

All staff, volunteers, and members are required to adopt and abide by DCTTC's Safeguarding Guidelines, which are outlined in our separate policies.

Confidentiality:

Personal information related to safeguarding matters will be treated in strict confidence within the boundaries of the law. However, in circumstances where a child or adult is at serious risk of harm or a crime is believed to have been committed, statutory agencies including the Police, Children's Services, Adult Services and the NSPCC may be informed.

DCTTC is devoted to the welfare and protection of everyone in our community and believes in a proactive approach to safeguarding. We encourage all members to understand these policies and uphold their principles.