

Stratton Parish Council's Safeguarding Policy

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE AND CONCERNS

Cause for concerns may include:

- Signs of physical abuse e.g. bruising
- Suspicions of abuse due to changes in behaviour
- Disclosure by service user where a member of staff believes the learner to be at risk of harm
- Any obvious signs of neglect

In the event that Stratton Parish Council are concerned they must:

- record brief, dated notes of information received and observations made and
- contact the designated Safeguarding Officer

OUTCOMES

The Safeguarding Officer will refer information to or seek advice from other relevant organisations as appropriate e.g. Police, GP, Dorset Local Safeguarding Board. There is an expectation that concerns should be shared with family /carers unless by doing so the attender might be placed at greater risk of harm.

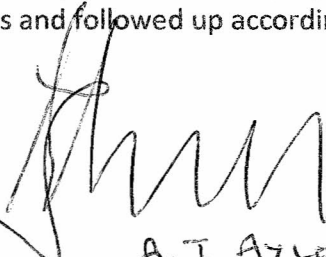
In the event of the concerns not being appropriate for referral at that stage then the attender will be monitored through an appropriate member of staff in liaison with the Safeguarding Officer.

The Parish Council will receive support as required.

ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST THE PARISH COUNCIL, OR VOLUNTEERS

If an allegation is made against a council member or volunteer, it should be reported immediately to Cheryl Hobbs and appropriate action should be taken. The incident should be noted on records and followed up accordingly.

Signed:



A.J. AYLOTT

Position held:

CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL

Date:

20 SEPTEMBER 2016