

## STRAWBERRY VALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SVRA)

<b>Policy:</b>	Safeguarding children and adults
<b>Summary:</b>	This policy sets out the principles for the SVRA to ensure acknowledgment of our responsibility to take reasonable steps to promote safe practice to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm.
<b>Responsible/accountable person:</b>	SVRA secretary
<b>Applies to:</b>	All residents within the Strawberry Vale estate
<b>Ratifying committee and date:</b>	SVRA Committee meeting Date: 23rd September 2017
<b>Version:</b>	0.4
<b>Available on:</b>	SVRA website
<b>Date of implementation:</b>	23rd September 2017
<b>Date of next formal review:</b>	TBC

### 1 Introduction

The SVRA was established on 7th November 2015. It is a community group comprising residents who are freeholders, leaseholders and tenants on the Strawberry Vale estate and its purpose is to provide a forum where members can:

- Raise concerns that affect residents and discuss possible solutions.
- Listen to progress updates on actions taken forward.
- Be part of a community and support each other.

Membership is free and ALL residents are welcome. Since forming, the SVRA has made many positive changes to the estate that benefit all residents. There will be opportunities to further develop the Strawberry Vale community and in order to take these forward, the SVRA has been asked to develop a safeguarding policy.

The action we take to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from harm is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and vulnerable adults has a role to play. Our policy statement is:

**All children and vulnerable adults taking part in activities organised by the SVRA will be protected from any form of abuse at all times. SVRA members and organisers will ensure the effective application of this policy.**

### 2 Policy application

To run a safe association, we will:

- Ask all members organising activities whether they have been subject to criminal or civil proceedings, and whether they have caused harm to children or vulnerable adults or put them at risk.
- Inform Peabody staff of any concerns.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
- Involve the Police and/or emergency services as appropriate.

### **3 Context and Definition**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children and vulnerable adults as contained within the Human Rights Act 1998, the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000, Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, Code of Practice 2008.

Abuse may consist of a single act or repeated acts. It may be physical, verbal or psychological, it may be an act of neglect or an omission to act, or it may occur when a vulnerable person is persuaded to enter into a financial or sexual transaction to which he or she has not consented, or cannot consent. Abuse can occur in any relationship and it may result in significant harm to, or exploitation of, the person subjected to it.

### **4 Contacts**

The members of the SVRA committee are the first point of contact and have responsibility for taking any further action as appropriate. The members are:

Chair:	Laurence Williamson	13 Nursery Road
Vice Chair:	Terry Copas	27 Nursery Road
Treasurer:	Shona Perkins	149 Old Farm Road
Secretary:	Dylis Dias	130 Old Farm Road