

Green Phoenix vulnerable Persons statement

The abuse of vulnerable adults constitutes a clear infringement of their rights and freedoms as citizens. This policy aims to protect *vulnerable adults, who are at risk of all forms of abuse.

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity to all members of our community.

- It is every adult's right to live in safety and to be free from abuse or fear of abuse from others.
- It is every adult's right to live an independent life based on personal choice.
- It is the responsibility of all members and volunteers to actively work together to help prevent abuse of vulnerable adults.
- When a situation is discovered in which a vulnerable adult reports, or is thought to be at risk of abuse, then the responsible person and/or the project leader will react quickly in a coordinated manner to help them to overcome these difficulties.
- Green Phoenix recognises that people are discriminated against on the basis of race, culture, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We are committed to working with vulnerable adults in a positive manner that values them as individuals.

****Vulnerable adult**** describes a person who is an adult (aged 18 or over), **and** who is, or may be in need of, community care services because of frailty, learning or physical disability or mental health difficulty **and** who is or maybe unable to take

care of him or herself or take steps to protect him or herself from significant harm or exploitation.