

APPENDIX C (Child Protection and Vulnerable Persons (CPVP) Policy)

The Policy

Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Lions Club will endeavour to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm while attending or involved with events or activities organised by the Club.

Definitions

'Children' are defined as anyone under the age of 18 years.

'Vulnerable adults' are defined as anyone aged 18 years and over who is receiving a service or participating in an activity for people who have particular needs because of their specific vulnerability.

Implementation

The policy will be achieved by nominating a Club member as Vulnerable Persons Representative (VPR) to stay abreast of CPVP developments and to bring such developments to the members attention, ensuring that the appropriate requirements are included in the Club's activities including the recruiting process, organised events and community service activities.

Responsibilities

The Vulnerable Persons Representative (VPR) is responsible for maintaining contact with the District (105D) Vulnerable Persons Officer for advice and guidance and for ensuring that the mandatory requirements and principles of CPVP are implemented within the club's activities.

The President is responsible for including vulnerable persons issues in the Club agenda and for ensuring that the VPR is able to carry out the role effectively.

Event and community service activity organisers are responsible for ensuring that the requirements of CPVP are included in appropriate activity documentation and for briefing participating club members and supporters.

Additional

All Club members and official helpers should use due diligence and common sense when dealing with members of the public and invited guests and ensure they are never **alone** or place themselves in any form of compromising situation with any member of the public or invited guests.

If any member of the public or invited guests attending events organised by the Club require emergency medical attention then the ambulance service should be contacted by dialling 999. Alternatively, if an Ambulance is in attendance at the event they can be contacted direct or using the telephone numbers given in the event documentation.

If any Club member feels it is necessary to administer first aid in any form it should only be undertaken with the express consent of the patient or, if the patient is unconscious and in the company of another Lion or member of the public.