

Safeguarding Statement

The Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music [FBYM] is a local charity that promotes opportunities for children and young people to participate in musical activities, usually offered by partners and others, normally taking place in Bedfordshire. Amongst other services FBYM provides stewarding for other organisations' events.

FBYM is committed to safeguarding the fundamental right of children, young people and adults at risk to be protected from harm.

FBYM trustees will undertake annual safeguarding training to ensure their knowledge of processes and procedures is up to date. Volunteers who assist FBYM as stewards will also complete annual training.

As part of FBYM's commitment to keeping children, young people and adults at risk safe, FBYM trustees and volunteers will complete DBS checks every three years.

Other organisations with which we work in partnership must ensure that they take all reasonable steps possible to ensure that the activity they operate is conducted in such a way that children, young people and adults at risk are kept safe from abuse and that their safeguarding procedures are knowledgeable and up to date.

This must include:

- a process for reporting any suspected incident, allegation or other manifestation relating to child and adults at risk protection
- appropriate DBS checking for qualifying staff and volunteers

Organisations working with children, young people and adults at risk with which we work in partnership will be asked to sign a declaration that they have appropriate safeguarding policies in place

FBYM has a named trustee who leads on safeguarding: Michael Gleeson who can be contacted at: safeguarding@fbym.org.uk

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Diann Chatfield, Chair of Board of Trustees

Next review date: August 2027