Safeguarding Policy

This policy defines how People's History Museum (PHM) operates to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. We have a duty of care and are committed to the protection and safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved as visitors and as participants in all of our activities in the museum, online and in the community. We also want to protect and support our staff who work or come into contact with these groups.

The policy follows the requirements of the 2006 Safeguarding Vulnerable Group Act and that it is adhered to at all times.

It is mandatory for everyone working at the Museum to abide by the Museum's safeguarding policy, procedure and guidance. A much more detailed Safeguarding Procedure is available to all staff and volunteers and is available to all group leaders and public authorities.

AIMS

The People's History Museum aims to:

- Respect the rights of children and vulnerable adults
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment for all visitors, staff and volunteers which protects them from all forms of abuse
- Ensure that all people who work at PHM are aware of the need to protect children and vulnerable adults, know how to reduce the risks to them and are regularly trained on safeguarding policies and procedures
- Provide procedures and guidance for all staff and volunteers for their own protection

REPORTING

Our designated safeguarding officers are:

Charlie Corkin Executive Support Officer Charlie.Corkin@phm.org.uk Antonia Canal Programme & Engagement Manager antonia.canal@phm.org.uk

In the absence of a designated safeguarding officer, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

IF A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT IS AT IMMEDIATE RISK, CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.

Incident Contact Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) or Senior Leader (SLT) Next steps DSO/SLT will make a call on next-steps ensuring safety of child/vulnerable adults as best as possible. Procedure PHM will work with relevant authorities and follow relevant procedures based on the level of risk or harm.

SAFER RECRUITMENT

PHM is committed to ensuring safe recruitment of all staff and volunteers. Those who work directly with children or young adults may be required to undergo a DBS check.

For other members of staff, it may be deemed necessary for a DBS check to be carried out if it is relevant to their role. This will be at the discretion of their line manager or Executive Support Officer.

Further information

The Government guidance for DBS eligibility can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-check-eligible-positions-guidance</u>

A Government overview of the Disclosure and Barring service can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/overview</u>

The Government definition of regulated activity for children and adults can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-regulated-activity</u>

The Government definition of Regulated activity for adults and children can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-check-eligible-positions-guidance</u>

and here for adults:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-disclosure-and-barringservices

and here for children:

http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/safeguardingchildren/a00209802/disclosurebarring