



Duty of Care

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Policy Statement

As an Organisation that has contact with disabled and vulnerable people Kingston Mencap has a Duty of Care to them. As a minimum, this duty of care includes:

- Safeguarding and promoting the interests and wellbeing of the member with whom it works.
- Reducing the vulnerability of a member by upholding the law, professional attitudes and practices.
- Making sound decisions by assessing the individual's emotional, physical, intellectual and mental capacity in relation to self-determination and consent, in order to take all the reasonable steps to protect the person from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Members under 18 years of age

- For a member under 18 the parents or the person with parental responsibility must be involved in the assessment process and must give the required consent to any actions or interventions.
- In situations where it is clear that the involvement of the parents or the person with parental responsibility will place the person at increased risk of harm, abuse and exploitation, then the situation must be discussed with the event leader before any action is taken.