



MOURNE MAMAS Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

1. Policy Statement

Mourne Mamas is committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all members, particularly children and vulnerable adults. We believe everyone has a right to live free from harm, abuse, and neglect, and we take our responsibility seriously to safeguard and promote the welfare of all participants in our activities.

2. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all Mourne Mamas committee members, volunteers, and anyone involved in organising or delivering activities where children or vulnerable adults are present.

3. Legal Framework

This policy is based on current safeguarding legislation and guidance, including:

The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007

Children's Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

Working Together to Safeguard Children (NI)

4. Definitions

Child: Anyone under the age of 18

Vulnerable Adult: An adult at risk of harm due to age, disability, illness, or dependency

Abuse: Can be physical, emotional, sexual, neglect, or exploitation

5. Responsibilities

Mourne Mamas will appoint a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) responsible for overseeing safeguarding concerns and procedures.

All members and volunteers have a duty to report any concerns about a child or vulnerable adult's welfare.

All individuals working directly with children must undergo appropriate vetting checks (e.g. AccessNI).

6. Code of Conduct

All Mourne Mamas members and volunteers must:

Treat everyone with respect and dignity

Avoid being alone with a child or vulnerable adult unless necessary and approved

Never engage in or tolerate any form of abusive behaviour

Report concerns immediately to the DSO or appropriate authority

7. Reporting Concerns

Any safeguarding concerns should be reported as soon as possible to the Designated Safeguarding Officer

If a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm, emergency services must be contacted (999)

All concerns will be taken seriously and handled sensitively in line with safeguarding best practices

8. Record Keeping

All safeguarding concerns and actions taken will be documented clearly and securely

Records will be kept confidential and only shared with relevant authorities when necessary

9. Training and Awareness

All volunteers and committee members will be made aware of this policy

Training will be provided to those with safeguarding responsibilities

10. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or following any safeguarding incident or legislative changes.

Contact Information

Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO): Aimee Glenney +44 7510 357504

Local Social Services Gateway Team: 999

Police (non-emergency): 101

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

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Signed: Claudia Newell

Chairperson – Mourne Mamas

Date: 28.08.2026