



Safeguarding Young People and Vulnerable Adults DGHE - Policy and Procedures

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The document has been reviewed and considered current with very minor amendments.	-

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Note: This policy statement has been published as an addendum to the College's Safeguarding Children - Child Protection Policy (September 2019) in recognition of the mature student status of the learners in the David Game Higher Education Centre (DGHE).

Introduction

The Higher Education Centre (DGHE) at David Game College believes that it is always unacceptable for a child, young person or **vulnerable adult** to experience abuse of any kind and recognises its responsibility to safeguard their welfare, by commitment to practice which protects them.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child/young person/**vulnerable adult** is paramount.
- All children/**vulnerable adults** regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marital and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, young people/**vulnerable adults**, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

DGHE recognises that it has a moral and statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its students.

Although this document offers additional information relevant to the treatment of vulnerable adults, the College's Child Protection Policy provides full guidance and outlines procedures that should be followed in all cases of **suspected abuse and situations of serious risk**.

In this context, the policy should be considered as applying to all students under the age of 18 or **those over 18** who are considered to be '**vulnerable adults**'.

- A 'child' is anyone under the age of 18 years and up to their 18th birthday.
- A '**vulnerable adult**' is a person aged 18 years or over who is, or may be: **in need of community care services by reason of learning or other disability, age or illness, is unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation (Who decides? 1997 Lord Chancellor's Department and 'No Secrets' 2000)**
- Whether or not a person is vulnerable will depend upon surrounding circumstances and/or environment. Each case is judged individually and on its own merits.

All staff within the DGHE Centre are required to demonstrate high standards in their management of risk of and in the active protection of children and **vulnerable adults** from discrimination and avoidable harm by fulfilling duties for learners under 18 in accordance with Safeguarding Children in Education, DfES 2004, Safeguarding Children & Safer Recruitment in Education 2007, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 and duties to **vulnerable adults** in accordance with the **National Framework of Standards for Safeguarding Adults, ADSS 2005**. All complaints, allegations or suspicions of abuse will be dealt with by implementing the procedures as described in the College's Child Protection Policy.

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide a framework that informs procedures relating to the College's legal obligation to safeguard and protect children, young people and **vulnerable adults** who are suffering forms of abuse as defined in the Children Act 1989, through the application of principles outlined in the Children Act 2004, Children & Young Person's Act 2008 and **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**.

References

This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the College's:

DGC Safeguarding Children - Child Protection Policy (September 2019)

DGHE Anti-Harassment Policy (June 2020)

College Equality & Accessibility Policy (March 2019)

Note: This Policy subsumes the policies in the following areas: Disability; Race Equality; Equal Opportunities; and Equality and Diversity

Monitoring and Review

This policy statement, as it applies to DGHE learners, will be monitored by the Centre's 'Designated Person' and reviewed annually in conjunction with the designated lead for children.

KEY INTERNAL CONTACT DETAILS

Our College's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the adult learners in David Game College is:

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In addition please note:

Principal and Proprietor is Mr. David Game

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KEY EXTERNAL CONTACT DETAILS

External responsibilities and therefore details of any external personnel named below may be subject to change without notification to the school.

City of London Adult Social Care team

Safeguarding is protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.

Some adults with care and support needs are not always able to protect themselves.

If you are an adult experiencing abuse or neglect, or if you are worried about an adult you think may be at risk, please contact the **Adult Social Care Team**:

Adult Social Care Team

Department of Community and Children's Services

Guildhall, North Wing

PO Box 270

London, EC2P 2EJ

Call **020 7332 1224** - 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Call **0208 356 2300** - for all other times, including weekends and Bank Holidays

Email: adultsduty@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Opening hours

- Monday 9am - 5pm
- Tuesday 9am - 5pm
- Wednesday 9am - 5pm
- Thursday 9am - 5pm
- Friday 9am - 5pm

Outside office hours

In cases of emergency only, you can contact the [City & Hackney Emergency Duty Team](#) on 020 8356 2300.

The Public Health team is administered by the Department of Community and Children's Services (DCCS).

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