Helmsley Open Air Pool

Helmsley Open Air Pool considers an ‘Adult at Risk’ as a vulnerable adult according to the definitions set out by ‘No Secrets’ and the ‘Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act: Definition of a vulnerable Adult’

**No Secrets: Definition of a Vulnerable Adult**

The definition of a vulnerable adult offered by ‘No Secrets: Guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse’ is an individual who is aged 18 years or over:

– “Who is or may need community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation”.

**To meet our safeguarding responsibilities Helmsley Open Air Pool will:**

1. Take all reasonable steps to protect ‘Adults at Risk’ from harm and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings.
2. Take all allegations or suspicions of poor practice or abuse seriously and act on them appropriately according to our procedures.
3. Ensure all employees and volunteers working with ‘Adults at Risk’ have been appropriately advised of this policy and fully understand what is required in safeguarding ‘Adults at Risk’.
4. Appoint a person (known as Senior Safeguarding Officer) to be responsible for the implementation and adherence to this policy.
5. Ensure that all outside private hirers using Helmsley Open Air Pool to coach/teach ‘Adults at Risk’ have read this policy fully understand what is required by it. To have undertaken a DBS (Disclosure and Baring Service) or equivalent checks and ensure that they have the welfare of any ‘Adults at Risk’ always.

**This policy will be reviewed every year as a minimum or in line with any national developments.**