

Petersfield Voluntary Care Group

Health and Safety Policy

Introduction

Petersfield Voluntary Care Group recognises our duty of care towards their volunteers and clients and its obligation to protect them under section 3 of the Health and Safety Act 1974. The group recognises that duty of care is a common law duty to take reasonable care to avoid harming others. The Group understands that its trustees could be liable if a volunteer or client is injured because the duty of care was not met. The Group will take all reasonable steps to reduce the likelihood and potential seriousness of injury to volunteers and clients and will endeavour to meet the requirements of section 3 of this legislation and maintain a safe and healthy volunteering environment.

All group members/volunteers are informed of their responsibilities to ensure they take all reasonable precautions, to ensure the safety, health and welfare of those that are likely to be affected by the operation of our activities.

The Group recognises its duty to make regular assessment of the hazards and risks created in the course of our activities.

We also recognise our duty to co-operate and work with other parties when we volunteer at premises or sites under their control to ensure the continued health and safety of all and to co-operate and work with other organisations and their workers to ensure health and safety at all times.

To help achieve our objectives and ensure our group members/volunteers recognise their duties under health and safety legislation whilst volunteering, we will also inform them of their duty to take reasonable care for themselves and for others who might be affected by their activities.

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Signed Mary H Fair.....

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