



COPPULL AND STANDISH BRASS BAND

Est. 1886 & 1873 (Merged 2005)

Chairman: Mr G McGinty – Secretary: Mrs T A Trumble

Safeguarding Policy

This policy applies to all members, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of Coppull and Standish Band.

The purpose of this policy:

1. To protect children, young people and adults with care and support needs who are members of the band or connected to the band in some other way.
2. To provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

Coppull and Standish Band believes that a child, young person or adult with care and support needs should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up based on law and guidance that seeks to protect children and adults at risk, namely:

- Children Act (1989)
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child (1991)
- Data Protection Act (1998) and subsequent data protection guidance
- Sexual Offences Act (2003)
- Children Act (2004)
- Protection of Freedoms Act (2012)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; HM Government (2018)
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (2006)
- The Human Rights Act (1998)
- The Children and Families Act (2014)
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) code of practice: 0 to 25 years. Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities; HM Government (2014)
- General Data Protection Regulations (European Union) (2017)
- Information sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers; HM Government (2015)
- The Care Act (2014)
- The Care Act (2014) Care and Support Statutory Guidance (specifically the safeguarding section of this)
- The Mental Capacity Act (2005)



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We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act (1989);
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues; and
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

In addition, bands are aware that they also have safeguarding responsibilities towards adult members, some of

whom may be vulnerable at different times in their lives. The principles outlined above in relation to children, also

apply to our work with adults. In terms of a legal framework, the arrangements for those over 18 are governed by

the Care Act 2014. This Act stipulates that statutory safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- has care and support needs, and
- is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, and,
- as a result of those care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

We will seek to keep children, young people and adults safe by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them, ensuring that, in the case of adults, we work with their consent

unless 'vital interests' [as defined in the Data Protection Act (1998)] are at stake, or the person has been assessed

as lacking mental capacity [as defined in the Mental Capacity Act (2005)];

- adopting child protection and adult safeguarding practices through procedures and a code of conduct for and

members and volunteers;

- ensuring that our governance arrangements reflect our commitment to safeguarding
- working to ensure that there is a safe culture within our band
- developing and implementing an effective e-safety policy and related procedures;
- providing effective support and training for volunteers with responsibility;
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made;
- sharing information about child protection and adult safeguarding with children, parents, volunteers and members;
- sharing concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately



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Useful contact details:

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer: Teresa Trumble - 07769907312

Local police: Coppull Police - 01772 433561

Local authority children's social care department, including out of hours contact: 0300 123 6720 or out of hours 0300 123 6722

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine: 0800 1111 (textphone 0800 400 222) or www.childline.org.uk

The Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/>

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Local authority adult social care department: [insert details]

Brass Bands England Safeguarding Officer: 01226 771015

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 5th June 2025

Signed: _____ (Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer)



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Dealing with a safeguarding concern

Ways that abuse might be brought to your attention:

- A child or adult might make a direct disclosure about him or herself.
- A child or adult might make a direct disclosure about another person.
- A child or adult might offer information that is worrying but not a direct disclosure.
- A member of the band or volunteer might be concerned about the appearance or behaviour of a child or adult at risk, or about the behaviour of someone (e.g. a parent or carer) towards a child or adult at risk.
- A parent or carer might make a disclosure about abuse that a child or adult is suffering or at risk of suffering.
- A parent or carer might offer information about a child or adult that is worrying but not a direct disclosure.

When talking to a child or adult who has told you that he/she or another person is being abused:

- Reassure them that telling someone about it was the right thing to do.
- Tell him/her that you now must do what you can to keep him/her (or the person who is the subject of the allegation) safe.
- In the case of an adult with mental capacity, ask them if they will give their consent to the information being passed on to an external investigating agency.
- Let them know what you are going to do next (i.e. discuss the matter with the band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer).
- Let the person tell their whole story. Don't try to investigate or quiz them, but make sure that you are clear as to what they are saying.
- Ask them what they would like to happen because of what they have said, but don't make or infer promises you can't keep.
- In the case of a child, give them the ChildLine phone number: 0800 1111.
- Please also refer to the CAS_Anti_Bullying_Policy_2023_01 document that details our policy on bullying and the prevention of.

In the case of an adult, check out whether they have anyone they can talk to about the matter; if not, tell them that they can talk to you (if you are willing for them to do so) or, depending on circumstances, give them contact details for a relevant support agency such as one of those listed in the policy statement.



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Concerned about a child's safety or welfare



Band member makes notes of concerns using reporting form and discusses with Safeguarding/Welfare Officer.



If the child's family does not already know about the concern, the Safeguarding/Welfare Officer discusses with them unless:

- A family member could be responsible for abusing the child
- Someone may be put in danger by the family being informed
- Informing the family might interfere with criminal investigation

If any of these circumstances apply, discussions with the family should only take place after this has been agreed with the local authority children's social care department



If there is still uncertainty about the concerns, the Safeguarding/Welfare Officer can discuss with children's social care department or the NSPCC advice line (0808 800 5000) without disclosing the identity of the child/family



Concerned

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer refers to local authority children's social care department and confirms in writing within 48 hours



No longer concerned

No further child protection action needed. Safeguarding/Welfare Officer decides whether to discuss the initial concerns with other services to ensure their needs are met elsewhere

This procedure provides clear direction to members and volunteers of the band if they have concerns that a child may need protection.



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The adult's views about what they would like to happen should be sought. With the consent of the adult, it may be appropriate to seek the views of their partner or carer, unless that person might be responsible for the abuse, or is coercing the adult, or seeking their views might put someone else in danger or interfere with a criminal investigation.

Unless the adult either clearly lacks mental capacity to consent to issues regarding the concerns, or is being coerced, or there are vital interests at stake, any steps taken should only be with their permission.

If any of these circumstances apply, discussions with a partner or family member should only take place after this has been agreed with the local authority adult social care department.



If there is still uncertainty about the concerns, or about questions such as consent or mental capacity, the Safeguarding/Welfare Officer can discuss with the relevant adult social care department without disclosing the identity of the adult or their family.



Concerned (the adult, who has mental capacity, consents)

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer refers to local authority adult social care department and confirms in writing within 48 hours.



Concerned (the adult does not, or cannot consent)

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer seeks guidance from local authority adult social care without initially disclosing identity or the adult.



No longer concerned

No further child protection action needed. Safeguarding/Welfare Officer decides whether to discuss the initial concerns with other services to ensure their needs are met elsewhere.

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