

## **Adult Day Services Guidelines for Protection of Children**

***“Aberdeenshire Council recognises that the protection of children from significant harm or abuse is a shared responsibility and, whatever our role, we need to be able to respond appropriately to concerns about children or young people.”*** (Guidance for Housing and Social Work Staff Protecting Children) available on Arcadia

In order to uphold the principles of the above statement, all staff, volunteers, students, and external agency support workers should be familiar with Aberdeenshire Council's Protection of Children Policy and Protecting Children Procedures manual section 1 and 2. (Available on Arcadia)

Any child or young person accessing or visiting the centre / or outlying work projects must be accompanied / supported by a responsible adult.

- A member of education staff, or other appropriate adult must support school children accessing adult day services during transition.
  
- School children working in a voluntary capacity e.g. (community service element of Duke of Edinburgh Award etc) must have a named member of staff within the service who will support the young person and oversee the placement.
  
- Any staff, family or friends taking a child into the centre or work projects must take full responsibility for the supervision and safety of the child during the visit.

If you are concerned about a child, you have a duty to report that concern to your immediate line manager or Child Care Community Support Services.

Remember – ***“Every citizen in Scotland has a responsibility to protect children from harm and abuse. Nobody has a get out clause”***  
(Aberdeenshire Council Protecting Children Procedures Manual)

**Protecting children is everyone's responsibility. If you witness an incident against a child, take responsibility and report it. Call 0800 0223222**