



VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY

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Dover Smart Project accepts its legal and moral obligations to provide a duty of care to protect vulnerable adults. This policy should be viewed alongside our Safeguarding Policy.

For the purposes of this policy a 'Vulnerable Adult' is defined as someone over 18 years who is or may be unable to protect him/herself against significant harm or exploitation.

Statement of Intent

It is the Policy of Dover Smart Project to safeguard the welfare of all vulnerable adults by protecting them from all forms of abuse whilst engaging in any activity associated with Dover Smart Project.

Dover Smart Project will do this by:

- Ensuring that anyone working with Dover Smart Project is subject to a rigorous vetting and assessment process, which includes two written references and a DBS check.
- Taking seriously any complaint or allegation or expression of concern by service users, staff, volunteers, other agencies and members of the public.
- Notifying the appropriate agencies where necessary.
- Ensuring comments are treated in confidence where possible although concerns may be shared with appropriate parties if the vulnerable adult or others are at significant risk.
- Recognising that it is not Dover Smart Project's responsibility to determine whether or not abuse has taken place, but it is Dover Smart Project's responsibility to report any concerns to the relevant authority.