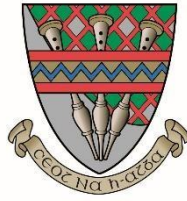


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Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups

Advice for Bands (and Branches)

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The RSPBA is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. This policy will apply to **all children up the age of 16 years and adults at risk.**

The policy and procedure documents relating to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups have been published on the RSPBA web site under the “**Forms**” sub menu “**Protection of Vulnerable Groups**” for reference.

This policy applies to individuals who are engaged either in a paid or unpaid capacity to undertake duties regarded as regulated work on behalf of RSPBA Headquarters.

Bands and Branches are advised to develop and publish their Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) policies and procedures using the documents published by the RSPBA as a Guide amending them to meet the needs of the Band or Branch depending on their membership, and the activity they undertake with children and vulnerable groups, having regard to one on one activities.

A key document for a Band should be their Child Protection Policy / Statement, which will outline how the organisation supports child members who join their organisation. This may also require the appointment of an individual to be a Child Protection Officer (CPO).

The CPO role is an important one and should cover the following broad areas:

- Work with other members of the Band to ensure that children enjoy a welcoming, safe, friendly and helpful environment.
- Ensure the Band has a CP Policy that is available on a website, available on request and understands the principles in the policy.
- CPO name and contact details are visible in the Band Room, on the club website and that they are visible and approachable at the Band (within reasonable parameters).
- CPO must be a Member of the PVG Scheme.
- CPO to manage the PVG Memberships within the Band. Any person carrying out REGULATED WORK must have a PVG number.
- CPO should keep a record of all PVG numbers
- Take responsibility for dealing with concerns, contacting the relevant people to take forward – Police, Social Work, Childline or Children1st.