

# Kingston Parish Council

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## Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy Statement

A “vulnerable person” may be a child, vulnerable adult or person with any disability.

A vulnerable person’s welfare is paramount.

All vulnerable persons whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse.

All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

### Definitions:

As defined in the Children Act 1989 anyone under the age of 18 years should be considered as a **child** for the purposes of this document.

**Vulnerable adults** are people over the age of eighteen who, because of disability, age or illness are unable to protect themselves from harm or from being exploited.

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