

## **Policy No: CCSP04**

### **Safeguarding Adults Policy Statement**

This policy will enable Cannock Chase Shed, herein referred to as “the Shed”, to demonstrate its commitment to keeping safe the vulnerable adults who are members of the Shed. The Shed acknowledges its duty to act appropriately to any allegations, reports or suspicions of abuse.

The Shed recognises the impotence of having: policy and procedures in place so that Shed members, carers, and management committee can work to prevent abuse and know what to do in the event of abuse.

The Policy Statement and Procedures have been drawn up in order to enable the Shed to:

- 1) Promote good practice and work in a way that can prevent harm, abuse and coercion occurring.
- 2) To ensure that any allegations of abuse or suspicions are dealt with appropriately and the person experiencing abuse is supported.
- 3) And to stop that abuse occurring.

The Policy and Procedures relate to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults. Vulnerable adults are defined as:

- a) People aged 18 or over
- b) Who are receiving or may need community care services because of learning, physical or mental disability, age, or illness:
- c) Who are or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation

The policy applies to all Shed members, management committee members and anyone working on behalf of the Shed

It is acknowledged that significant numbers of vulnerable adults are abused and it is important that the Shed has a Safeguarding Adults Policy, a set of procedures to follow and puts in place preventative measures to try and reduce those numbers.

In order to implement the policy the Shed will work:

- i) To promote the freedom and dignity of the person who has or is experiencing abuse
- ii) To promote the rights of all people to live free from abuse and coercion
- iii) to ensure the safety and well being of people who do not have the capacity to decide how they want to respond to abuse that they are experiencing
- iv) To manage services in a way which promotes safety and prevents abuse
- v) Provide effective management for members through supervision, support and training.