

EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION

SAFEGUARDING POLICY (FROM 2018)

The March 2018 Zurich insurance renewal had a requirement for the EPEA to have a safeguarding policy. To quote specifically:

"If you work with children or vulnerable adults, you have a safeguarding policy, you DBS check everyone who works with them and you keep all relevant safeguarding records for 25 years."

The policy agreed between Gerry Edwards, Mark Lemon and Martin Hand during March 2018 and put forward for ratification and agreed at the EPEA committee meeting 24.4.18 is:

The policy to be applied by all committee members and others assisting the committee with any event is that any children attending an event should be accompanied by their parent or guardian. No persons acting on behalf of the committee will be allowed to be alone with children or vulnerable adults and must ensure this is always the case.

The committee have considered the need for a DBS (disclosure and barring service) check and, given all the committee are aware of the safeguarding policy, that this is not currently necessary. In respect of any specific planned events the committee will review the environment for each of these to ensure it is one where any organising person would not be in a position of being alone with any child/children or vulnerable adult(s) and that the environment is such that many other responsible adults would be present and therefore never put any organiser in a position where they could be left alone with a child/children or vulnerable adult(s).