



VIVARY GOLF CLUB

## **Safeguarding Adults A Short Guide for Club Members**

VIVARY GOLF CLUB is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all individuals involved in golf. VIVARY GOLF CLUB is an affiliated member of England Golf and has adopted and follows the England Golf Safeguarding Adults Policy and procedures.

The full copy of the VIVARY GOLF CLUB Safeguarding Adults Policy is available on the Club Notice Boards. You may also request an electronic copy by contacting the Club Secretary at [mail@vivaryparkgolfclub.com](mailto:mail@vivaryparkgolfclub.com)

Safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- Has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and;
- Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect; and;
- As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

In addition, VIVARY GOLF CLUB recognises the following principles which underpin our work with all groups and individuals who may have additional needs for support and protection:

- It is every adult's right to be protected from abuse irrespective of their age, gender identity, faith or religion, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, background, economic position, marital status, disability or level of ability.
- All staff and volunteers share the responsibility for the protection of adults at risk and will show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare.
- The additional vulnerability of disabled adults (including those with invisible disabilities, learning and communication differences) is recognised.
- Allegations of abuse or concerns about the welfare of any adult will be treated seriously and will be responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- VIVARY GOLF CLUB recognises the role and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in safeguarding adults and is committed to complying with the procedures of the Local Safeguarding Adults Boards.



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- Confidentiality will be maintained appropriately at all times and the adult's safety and welfare must be the overriding consideration when making decisions on whether or not to share information about them.
- VIVARY GOLF CLUB will support all adults to understand their roles and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding and protecting adults at risk, including the responsibility to report all concerns in line with VIVARY GOLF CLUB safeguarding adults policy and procedures.
- All participants involved in golfing activities have the right to be listened to with respect and to be heard.

It is not your duty to investigate concerns about an adult but do not ignore them – talk to the adult if possible and get in touch with a Club Safeguarding and Welfare officer for advice.

### Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officer

Name: Ruth Crooks  
Email Address: [ruth.crooks@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.crooks@btinternet.com)  
Telephone Number: 07472 756203

If for any reason a Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officer is unavailable a principle of least delay is important and you should contact either

England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer  
01526 351824 or [safeguarding@englandgolf.org](mailto:safeguarding@englandgolf.org).

Or seek advice from the local County Council Social Care-Emergency Duty Team.

Approved on behalf of the Management Committee:

Will Parkman, Chairman  
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Ruth Crooks, Secretary  
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