



## Child Protection Policy

This policy applies to all staff, directors, paid staff, volunteers and sessional workers, agency staff, students, members or anyone working on behalf of or is a member of the Professional Anglers Association.

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. protect children and young people who receive services from the Professional Anglers Association and its members. This includes the children of adults who use our services;
2. provide staff, directors and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

The Professional Anglers Association believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

### Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Relevant government guidance on safeguarding children

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989;
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues;
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

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