

Hampshire County Youth Band Association March 2015

Safeguarding and Child Protection.

We agreed at the committee meeting on March 7th 2015 to adhere to the child protection policy as laid out by the British Federation of Brass Bands. The procedures we will use will follow this policy but slight amendments may be made due to the nature of the association and its close links with Hampshire County Council.

We recognise that in the policy the term CRB is used and this has now been replaced by the DBS (debaring service). Where necessary we will use DBS.

Procedures to follow:

All volunteers that work with the three bands will be given asked to read the policy and follow procedures below:

1. DBS will be carried out for all volunteers on residential trips. (Hampshire staff will already have these.)
2. Volunteers chaperoning will always work in pairs and not be left alone with individuals.
3. Any queries that arise regarding child protection issues must be reported to the welfare officer (Kay Henrie) or the conductor of any of the bands. Volunteers are not expected to talk to parents about information received.
4. Information received by volunteers must be dated and passed on to the appropriate organisation; see sheet in appendix.
5. All volunteers for residential trips will have a briefing meeting to refresh them on procedures and best practice for safeguarding children. These meetings will take into account the particular venues and the need for all children to be safe at all times.

The Hampshire County Band Youth Association is a voluntary organisation and wants to ensure that the wellbeing of the children within the bands is always of highest priority.