RFAA SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

This policy is to ensure that the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association trustees, branch chair, committee members and volunteers are fully committed to keeping safe vulnerable people with whom they may work.

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association trustees and branch volunteers do not routinely work with vulnerable people or children however all have a responsibility to safeguard any vulnerable persons they may come into contact with as part of their official charity duties. Many of the RFAA members are elderly and their needs and potential health issues are always to be borne in mind when providing functions on private premises or visits or assistance to them in their own homes.

Serving or retired members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, or their families, who are in need of assistance will normally make representation to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association charity directly or via a sister military or maritime body. The Welfare Director should be informed when anything other than local branch support is required and will seek external professional assistance when dealing with complex welfare support issues.

When direct contact is required via a visit from branch volunteers or national officers the sensitive nature of the case or vulnerability of the individual must be considered in advance of any visit. When vulnerable individuals might be involved any RFAA representative visiting should be accompanied by a second RFAA member, family, carer or other charity official.

Problems or issues should be reported to the RFAA Welfare Director.

R Bennett
RFAA Chair

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