

External Funding Unit

Information Sheet 6 Disclosures / Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (PVG)

These points are about Protection of Vulnerable Groups and refer to question 4.12 of the Area Committees application for one year (2014/2015 – £1,001 and over); and question 1.12 of the Area Committees / Sports Councils application for one year (2014/2015 – up to £1,000).

Please make sure you answer these questions on the application forms in full, as we may need to return the form to you if you don't, which will delay consideration of your application.

All organisations working with children, young people or vulnerable adults should ensure that in carrying out their activities, they meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (PVG). In particular, for all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults, child and adult protection policies and procedures must be in place, with staff and volunteers being members of the PVG Scheme and having had appropriate criminal records checks carried out by Disclosure Scotland.

The term 'vulnerable adult', in relation to the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, has been replaced by an adult at risk of harm. These are adults, who are sixteen years of age or over, and because they are affected by disability, whether physical, mental or learning or infirmity, whether short or long term, are less able to protect their well-being, interests, property, finances or rights and who, at certain times and in certain situations, need support and protection. The adult can be at risk in these situations from the actions of others or by their own actions, such as self harm or neglect.

If your staff or volunteers work with children or young people or vulnerable adults, they must have a disclosure certificate. You should register staff and volunteers as PVG Scheme members. You also need to check their references and qualifications.

For more information and assistance, please contact Third Sector, Dumfries & Galloway (see Information Sheet 13).