

## **FRIENDS OF NUNHEAD CEMETERY**

### **SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY**

Vulnerable adults are people of age 18 or above who are in need of care and unable to protect themselves because of mental or learning disability; physical disability; age; or illness.

It is the policy of the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery that the safety and welfare of vulnerable adults is of the utmost importance. It is the duty of all members undertaking activities on behalf of FONC to protect each vulnerable adult from abuse and to be alert to the possibility of abuse. Such abuse may take the form of physical abuse; sexual abuse; psychological abuse; discriminatory abuse; neglect; or financial abuse.

It is the duty of all FONC members undertaking activities on behalf of the Friends to report such abuse either to FONC officers, Southwark Council employees or the police as appropriate. Where possible and safe to do so FONC members should intervene to offer protection to vulnerable adults or to seek the intervention of suitably qualified professional responders.