



Sexual Health Policy

This policy is designed to give guidance and support to adults attending the Jamboree who may find themselves in a position of interaction with young people who may be sexually active whilst at the Jamboree.

“It is the policy of the Scout Association and Girlguiding to Safeguard the Children in our Care” also see EIJ2024 Safeguarding policy.

Promoting good sexual health

The Scout Association and Girlguiding play a key role in helping young people develop the confidence and self-esteem to resist peer pressure until they are ready to make safe and informed decisions. However, many young people are already sexually active, and adults in our organisations can play a significant role in promoting safe and responsible relationships.

While parents or schools are still likely to be the preferred sources of information and advice for most young people, adults in our organisations have a trusted role and this makes them a potential source of confidential information and advice.

The factsheets below aim to: clarify the role of adults in Scouting and Girlguiding with regard to information about sexual health and young people, and provide guidance, support and information to adults who may be approached by young people.

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[Let's talk about sex and relationships: Advice for leaders](#)

This EIJ policy has been created within the guidance from the documents above. The key elements of these policies focus upon “signposting” if the adult approached is neither confident, comfortable nor competent to support the young people who approach them. We are fortunate that a number of staff at the Jamboree have the requisite skills and are able to support EIJ attendees with this sensitive area.

If during the event an adult should find themselves in a position where they are not comfortable and need support with sexual health or other welfare concern please contact the Head of Safeguarding or Welfare who will be able to provide experienced staff to offer the support required.

- The ‘sexual health policy’ is available to be viewed on the EIJ website.
- Although sexual activity for under 18’s is to be discouraged, contraceptive advice and support will be available from a trained professional signposted through Welfare.

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- Staff from departments such as Security, 14-17 Retreat and subcamps. who are more likely to be made aware of concerns, should ensure that these concerns are reported to Welfare Team.
- The Head of Safeguarding and Head of Welfare will liaise with the Director of Safety and with National Safeguarding in accordance with the Safeguarding policy if a welfare concern is raised when appropriate.
- If a young person is supported with sexual health services whilst at the Jamboree, 'Fraser guidelines' will be appropriately adhered to and recorded and will have been provided by a qualified professional.
- Sexual health along with all services available from 'Welfare' will be appropriately advertised around the EIJ Site and on the EIJ Website
- There will be an Emergency Care Practitioner (Scout Med) on site who will offer an on call service to support any person requiring a medical consultation if required.
- Any person requiring sexual health advice may approach the Welfare Team who can direct them to appropriate expertise.
- As part of their induction process, under 18 staff will be briefed on appropriate behaviour in relation to other young people and safeguarding procedures will be signposted. In addition they will be directed as to the support, advice and guidance available to them as young staff members of the EIJ Team.

For further information relating to this guidance please contact Paula Deighton, Head of Safeguarding, at paula.deighton@ejj.org.uk. or Jacqui Victory Head of Welfare, at jacqui.victory@ejj.org.uk

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