



Sporting Communities CIC Service User Consent Policy

Sporting Communities defines service user consent as a person (“service user”) giving their permission before participating in Sporting Communities programmes. For the purpose of this policy, consent is considered to be given by service users to Sporting Communities staff.

Participation consent

Sporting Communities requires its staff to obtain consent from service users before participating in its activities.

Service users can provide consent:

- Verbally
- Non-verbally (where appropriate), or
- In writing

Consent must be given:

- Voluntarily
- In an informed manner and;
- By a person with the mental capacity to do so

Sporting Communities policy is that whereby a service user does not possess the mental capacity (the ability to understand and use information) to make a decision about their participation, it is the staff who can act in the service user’s best interests. Young people aged under 16 and vulnerable adults must have consent from an appropriate adult such as a parent or guardian.

Sporting Communities considers that service users have the right to determine the extent of their participation and must be adequately informed throughout by staff. Sporting Communities have a moral and legal duty to ensure the safety of service users.

Information consent

Sporting Communities holds a data handling policy according to the Data Protection Act 1998 and Freedom of Information Act 2000, freely available, stating that participants will need to provide Sporting Communities with their consent.

Sporting Communities will display a notice on all consent forms and its website stating that it adheres to the guidelines of the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not pass service user’s personal information to a third party without their consent unless there is a clear public interest duty to do so.

Sporting Communities requires its staff to ensure appropriate consent is obtained for all participants.