

POLICY FOR SERVICE USERS UNDER THE AGE OF CONSENT

'Underage' means under the legal age of consent i.e.. 18 years of age for gay male sex. There are no exceptions or additions if the person is male or female, under 18 or under 16.

You MUST at all times adhere to this Policy Statement

You CAN

talk openly about gay issues.

give service users the names and addresses of pubs and clubs, if they want them.

give service users, or tell them how to acquire, any gay literature of the type that we normally have available at Carrey Friend, even those with contacts in, if this is appropriate.

N.B. This should be talked through with the caller e.g. what if Mum finds it?

only meet face to face with another volunteer present

You MUST NOT

encourage the service user to procure a crime. - arrange or create a meeting where it is possible for a sexual act to take place.

have sex with a service user.

inform callers of the whereabouts of cottages, trolling areas, saunas etc.

take someone under 18 into a pub or buy alcohol for anyone under 18.

If a young service user wants face to face befriending you may take this on but you must advise one other volunteer and meetings must be in a public place and observed.

For social outlets we presently have no IOM onward referral. We can give details of UK based teenage groups.