



Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association



Safeguarding Adults Policy

Policy Statement

The Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association (hereby known as the Association) believes everyone has the right to live free from abuse or neglect regardless of age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status.

The Association is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and an open, listening culture where people feel able to share concerns without fear of retribution.

The Association acknowledges that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and is committed to prevent abuse and neglect through safeguarding the welfare of all adults involved.

The Association recognises, through its charitable and community work, the responsibility that is placed upon its volunteer officers and members to comply with this policy and to respect the well-being, and respect of all those they work with and have contact with.

The Association recognises that health, well-being, ability, disability and need for care and support can affect a person's resilience. We recognise that some people experience barriers, for example, to communication in raising concerns or seeking help. We recognise that these factors can vary at different points in people's lives.

Actions taken by volunteer officers and members of the Association will be consistent with the principles of adult safeguarding ensuring that any action taken is prompt, proportionate and that it includes and respects the voice of the adult concerned.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the commitment of the Association to safeguarding adults and to ensure that everyone involved in the Association is aware of their role and responsibility for safeguarding adults.

It is the responsibility of the Association's volunteer officers and members to raise any concerns that infringe the welfare, safeguarding and well-being of any member of the public, as well as volunteer officers and members, through the course of the Association's

work, to report to the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the Association whose role in this instance will be to instigate an independent review.

Scope

This Safeguarding Adults Policy applies to all individuals involved in The Association including its officers, the full Executive Committee, members and volunteers (and any other roles) and to all concerns about the safety of adults whilst taking part in our work, its activities and in the wider community.

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