

WOODCOTE VOLUNTEERS



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

We help people who could be described as vulnerable, chat to them and are told things about their lives. Our volunteers are in an ideal position to notice if something is wrong.

Protecting people is a fundamental part of operating as a charity for the public benefit. We also need to look out for members of Woodcote Volunteers.

What is safeguarding?

It is being aware that vulnerable people could be abused, and if you think they are being abused, knowing what to do about it.

Who does safeguarding apply to?

Safeguarding applies to an adult (18+) who:

- has needs for care and support (whether or not any of those needs are being provided for), for example, cannot walk without aids or has a physical or mental disability that means they need help with normal day to day activities
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect

What types of abuse does this mean? It includes:

1. Physical Abuse
2. Domestic Abuse
3. Modern Slavery
4. Sexual Abuse
5. Psychological Abuse
6. Neglect
7. Self-Neglect
8. Financial Abuse
9. Organisational Abuse
10. Discriminatory Abuse
11. Commercial exploitation

What should we do if we suspect one of our clients or volunteers is experiencing abuse or neglect?

1. It is important to collect as much information as possible from the person at risk.
2. Please explain what you are concerned about, why you are concerned about them and why you feel you must tell the organiser about this.
3. Report the concern to the secretary/organiser.
4. We can get further guidance from Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board and raise a formal concern with them if necessary.

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