



PRIORY HALL

Priory Hall Much Wenlock

Safeguarding Policy – an overview

The Priory Hall Committee has reviewed its Safeguarding Policy

- All information is on our website at:

www.muchwenlockprioryhall.co.uk/community/priory-hall-much-wenlock-13802/safeguarding

- Our policy relates to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Since adults are the main users of Priory Hall this briefing will focus on adult safeguarding, although the general principles apply to children.
- Many groups using the Priory Hall will have their own Safeguarding Policy – other users should reference our policy which is on the website. Any groups involving children are required to have their own policy.
- We have identified one of our Trustees as a safeguarding lead – Duncan White – on 07584 761950

What is Adult Safeguarding?

- A responsibility we all share for “keeping an eye out” for vulnerable people in our community
- Relates to any adult who:
 - ⇒ has needs for care and support AND
 - ⇒ is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect AND
 - ⇒ 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 is abuse?

- Physical, sexual, psychological, discriminatory, organisational, domestic violence, modern slavery, financial & material, neglect & omission of care, self-neglect

Who can abuse?

- Those known to the individual; paid carers; professionals; other service users; neighbours; family members; doorstep rogue traders; online fraudsters



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If someone discloses something to you;

Do say:

- I am taking this seriously
- Thank you for telling me
- It's not your fault
- I will help you

Do NOT say:

- Why didn't you tell anyone before?
- I can't believe it
- Are you sure this is true?
- Why? Who? How? When?
- Never make false promises

Do:

- Call for help from emergency services, if necessary
- Ensure the person's safety
- Act within the person's wishes, as far as possible
- Reassure them they will be supported
- Report to the relevant person asap (if you don't know who – contact Dunca

Do NOT:

- Promise not to tell anyone
- Act within the person's wishes if this would put them or others at risk
- Be judgemental
- Contact anyone involved in the allegation
- Touch or move anything that might be evidence

What to do if you have a concern:

- Report to your organisation's lead – or to Duncan on 07584 761950
- Do not discuss with anyone else
- Seek medical attention, if necessary
- If you believe that your designated person has not responded appropriately you should contact the protection agencies directly yourself (contact details on our poster and website)

More detail available on:

<https://www.muchwenlockprioryhall.co.uk/community/priory-hall-much-wenlock-13802/safeguarding>

with useful short video support available on: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6206013> or via a link on our website