

MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults* with care and support needs* and ensuring their well-being.

- We recognise that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, and all **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST** workers are committed to preventing harm or Abuse to children and adults with care and support needs* in all their recognised forms that we may encounter through our food bank activities.
- We recognise that the personal dignity and rights of adults and children must be at the centre of all that we do and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with and/or are responsible for children and adults with care and support needs.
- We believe every child and adult should be valued, safe and happy. We will make sure that all those we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm, so we may act in accordance with our safeguarding policy and procedures.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults will ensure that all food bank employees and volunteers will work within, and adhere to, the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of national legislation relevant to **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST'S** operations.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work to do so safely, effectively and compliantly, with dignity, compassion and justice.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Supporting all those who come into contact with **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST** in the provision of food bank activities affected by, or at risk of, harm, abuse and neglect.

We recognise:

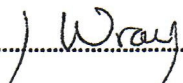
- Children's Social Care England has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police, should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- All **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST** volunteers operate in a position of trust in providing services to individuals thus following the guidelines in this policy statement.
- The sharing of information with relevant parties is a key part of effective safeguarding practice and where Possible/appropriate, we will always share information required to keep people safe from harm, abuse or neglect.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as Safeguarding Officers for **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST**

Jane Wray 07800 563941 – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Susan Noble 07753287617- Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

A copy of the **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST** safeguarding policy can be found on notice boards in both Rickmansworth and Croxley Green Food Banks and on the Rickmansworth Food Bank website rickmansworth.foodbank.org.uk

Agreed and signed on behalf of **MILL END COMMUNITY TRUST** on 13 / 10 / 2025

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[Signature of Safeguarding Trustee, or Chair of Trustees]..... 

We will review this statement and our safeguarding policy annually.

*Adults with care and support needs, refers to 'vulnerable adults or adults at risk.'