



Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy.

To ensure all members and volunteers know their responsibilities in terms of safeguarding children who access the community group.

Market Bosworth Society abides by the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and vulnerable adults and is committed to safeguarding practice that reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice requirements.

- We recognise the welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take
- All children and vulnerable adults regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation has an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children and vulnerable adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- Working in partnership with children, vulnerable adults' young people, their parents, carers, and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

Purpose:

Market Bosworth Society will:

Protect children and Vulnerable Adults from harm. This policy is intended to provide members and volunteers, as well as vulnerable adults children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child and vulnerable adult protection.

This policy applies to any member of the Market Bosworth Society, including subgroups and all committee members and subgroup committee members. Failure to comply with the policy and related procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in exclusion from the society.

Definitions:

The Children Act 1989 definition of a child is: anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday, even if they are living independently, are a member of the armed forces or is in hospital.

Adult at Risk:

- An adult who has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs),
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and
- as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

Child and Adult Abuse: Children and adults may be vulnerable to neglect and abuse or exploitation from within their family and from individuals they come across in their daily lives. There are 4 main categories of abuse, which are: sexual, physical, emotional abuse, and neglect. It is important to be aware of more specific types of abuse that fall within these categories, they are:

- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Child and vulnerable adult sexual exploitation
- Child and vulnerable adult Criminal exploitation
- Child and vulnerable adult trafficking
- Domestic abuse
- Female genital mutilation
- Grooming
- Historical abuse
- Online abuse

Safeguarding children: Safeguarding children is defined in [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) as:

- protecting children and vulnerable adults from maltreatment.
- preventing impairment of children's and vulnerable adult's health or development.
- ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Safeguarding as Part of the Deal:

In safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Market Bosworth Society is committed to the principles of child and vulnerable adult protection

Legal Framework:

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation is available from nspcc.org.uk/learning.

Market Bosworth Society has place arrangements that reflect the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as well as vulnerable adults.

The Prevent duty

Some organisations in England, Scotland and Wales have a duty, as a specified authority under section 26 of the Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015, to identify vulnerable children and young people and prevent them from being drawn into terrorism. This is known as the Prevent duty. These organisations include:

- Schools
- Registered childcare providers
- Local authorities
- Police
- Prisons and probation services
- NHS trusts and foundations.
- Other organisations may also have Prevent duties if they perform delegated local authority functions.

Children can be exposed to different views and receive information from various sources. Some of these views may be considered radical or extreme. The Market Bosworth Society does not fall into the Prevent Duty category due to any of its activities.

Radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support or be involved in extremist ideologies. It can result in a person becoming drawn into terrorism and is in itself a form of harm.

Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Training and Awareness:

Market Bosworth Society is not required to provide training at any level. In its normal course of business, it does not engage with people in any vulnerable category. Vulnerable adults may take part in activities arranged by the Market Bosworth Society. In this case the carers, parents, guardians will be responsible for any people who may be in a vulnerable group category. The Market Bosworth Society recognises its responsibilities as equivalent to a private individual (a person in the street concept). This is to:

- Recognize a child or vulnerable adult potentially in need of safeguarding and act.
- Understand how to report a safeguarding Alert.
- Understand dignity and respect when working with children.
- Have knowledge of the Safeguarding Children Policy.

Similarly, members and volunteers may encounter concerns about the safety and wellbeing of an adult at risk of abuse. This should be reported to the Senior Lead for Safeguarding or a Deputy Lead for Safeguarding. If these are not available there is a list of contacts at the end of this document.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing:

Market Bosworth Society expects all members, and volunteers to maintain confidentiality. Information will only be shared in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

and Data Protection. A copy of the Market Bosworth Society Privacy Policy is available here: <https://marketbosworthsociety.com/privacy-policy/>

However, information should be shared with the Local Authority if a child and vulnerable adults deemed to be at risk of harm or **contact the police if they are in immediate danger, or a crime has been committed**. For further guidance on information sharing and safeguarding see Your Personal Data and Market Bosworth Society.

Recording and Record Keeping:

A written record must be kept about any concern regarding an adult with safeguarding needs. This must include details of the person involved, the nature of the concern and the actions taken, decision made and why they were made.

All records must be signed and dated. All records must be securely and confidentially stored in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Your Personal Data and Market Bosworth Society.

Safe Recruitment & Selection:

Market Bosworth Society is committed to safe employment but currently has no employees and therefore does not have a selection and recruitment policy. Committee members are elected by membership vote. Contractors are responsible to ensure they meet the requirements of the Safeguarding requirements commensurate with their roles.

Social Media:

The market Bosworth Society has basic rules about Safeguarding and any member or user breaching these rules will be removed and if necessary, reported to the proper authorities.

Mobile Phones and other Digital Technology:

The MBS does not provide mobile phones. Any usage of a mobile phone is the responsibility of the individual and their contracted supplier.

Whistleblowing:

It is important that people within Market Bosworth Society have the confidence to come forward to speak or act if they are unhappy with anything. Whistle blowing occurs when a person raises a concern about dangerous or illegal activity, or any wrong- doing within their organisation. This includes concerns about another member or volunteer. There is also a requirement by Market Bosworth Society to protect whistle-blowers. The Market Bosworth Society requires any whistle-blower to contact any safeguarding officer or committee member. Alternatively, they should call the Police or similar agency. There are details of appropriate Leicestershire agencies below.

Important Contacts:

Senior Lead for Safeguarding

Name: Nigel Palmer

Email address: nigel_palmer.MBS@btinternet.com

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Deputy Senior Lead for Safeguarding

Name: Gemma Tallis

Email address: Gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com

Telephone number: 07974205584

Deputy Senior Lead for Safeguarding

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MBS Committee members

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Committee Members:

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Local Police child protection teams 101 or 999 if an emergency.

Police

Emergency – 999 non-emergency – 101

Leicestershire County Council LADO

Telephone: 01163054141

Email: CFS-LADO@leics.gov.uk

First Response Team and Out of Hours Referral Desk

Telephone number: 011603050005

Professional Consultants Online

Telephone Number: 0116 3055500

CAMHS Advisory Service for Professionals (08-30 to 03-00)

Telephone Number: 0116 2955048

Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Child and Vulnerable Adults Partnership (LRSCP).

The Safeguarding Partnership and Business Office

Room 100, County Hall

Glenfield LE3 8RF

Telephone number: 01163057130

Service Manager – Safeguarding and Performance Service

Telephone number 0116 3057566/07538562293

Safeguarding Development Officers

Telephone Number 0116 3057317

Leicestershire Prevent Support Team

Preventengagement.team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Telephone Number: 01162486726 or 101

NSPCC Freephone

24-hour Helpline 0808 800 5000

NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline for Professionals

0808 028 0285

Samaritans

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