

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Policy

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility:

Safeguarding vulnerable adults is a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific vulnerable adults who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. As adults and/or professionals or volunteers, everyone has a responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults and promote their welfare.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults – and in particular protecting them from significant harm - depends upon effective joint working between agencies and professionals that have different roles and expertise.

The John Holford Charity only has limited contact with vulnerable adults through its work with social work agencies, housing associations, Churches, charities and care providers.

Trustees of the Charity should :

- be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect;
- be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to vulnerable adults;
- share information with agencies and professionals;
- contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote the individual's welfare.

As one of its significant activities the charity seeks to serve the needs of vulnerable adults in poverty.

In doing so the charity takes seriously the welfare of all vulnerable adults.

Procedures

For reasons of consistency and practicality, the charity's procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults will be the same as those for safeguarding children and young people except where the law, or the specific circumstances of an individual's need require otherwise.

Change Record

Date of Change:	Changed By:	Comments:
		Policy approved by the Trustees