



Millom Community Track

Children and Adult Safeguarding policy

1. Introduction

Millom Community Track is a not for profit organisation run by the Trustees and Committee of Millom Community Track

Millom Community track is based at Millom School, Salthouse Road Millom

Millom Community Track is managed by a board of trustees and committee members. One of the trustees has a responsibility for safeguarding Children and Adults.

The board has adopted this safeguarding policy and expects every adult working at Millom Community Track to support it and comply with it. Consequently this policy shall apply to all trustees, committee members, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of MCT.

This statement of policy and procedure applies to users of and activities at MCT and any ancillary activities, which are the responsibility of MCT Trustees and committee.

2. Purpose of the Policy

This policy is in place to protect all children and adults in particular vulnerable adults regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, racial heritage or identity.

As an organisation we believe that no child or adult should experience abuse or harm and committed to the protection of children and adults and this policy is intended to provide guidance and overarching principles to those to those who represent us as volunteers, to guide our approach to child and adult protection and safeguarding.

This policy does not cover safeguarding concerns of the wider community not perpetrated by MCT or associated personnel.

To provide protection to children and adults who attend MCT.

To provide volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child or adult may be experiencing, or be at risk of harm.

We believe that:

The welfare of the child or adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and adults have the right to protection from all types of harm and abuse.

All people associated with MCT and its use has the responsibility for the safeguarding of children and adults.

Working in partnership with children, adults, parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting people's welfare.

MCT Trustees and Committee will endeavour to keep the track safe for use.

No members of MCT Trustees or committee, outside contractors, volunteers and users will have unsupervised access to children or adults unless in possession of a valid DBS check.

MCT Trustees and Committee will ensure that all users of the track are aware that the safeguarding of children or adults is the responsibility of the users.

3. The risks to children and adults

- Sexual abuse
- Grooming
- Physical and emotional abuse and neglect
- Domestic violence
- Inappropriate supervision by volunteers
- Bullying, cyber bullying, acts of violence and aggression within our track environment
- Victimisation
- Self-harm
- Unsafe environments and activities
- Crime
- Exploitation
- Financial (adults)

4. What is Safeguarding

In the UK, Safeguarding means protecting people health, wellbeing and human rights and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect.

In our area, we understand it to mean protecting people, including children and at risk adults, from harm that arises from coming into contact with our volunteers or users of the facility.

5. Prevention

We will seek to safeguard children and adults by

Valuing them, listening to and respecting them

Implementing child protection procedures based on national guidance and code of conduct for volunteers

Ensuring that all volunteers involved with the track, including those other organisations that use the facility, have necessary checks made. Preferred is DBS.

Sharing with children, adults, parents, carers and volunteers information around good practice in child protection and how to report any concerns.

Sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know in a safe and confidential way. This would be via the local safeguarding hub.

Provide effective management for volunteers through support and training.

Follow up on reports of safeguarding concerns promptly and according to due process.

Trustees, committee members and volunteers associated with MCT are obliged to contribute and maintain an environment that prevents safeguard violations and promotes the implementation of the safeguarding policy.

6. Reporting

MCT will ensure that safe, appropriate, accessible means of reporting safeguarding concerns are made available to volunteers and the communities that we work with.

All volunteers reporting concerns or complaints through whistleblowing channels will be protected.

MCT will also accept complaints from external sources such as members of the public, partners and official bodies.

Volunteers who have a complaints or concern relating to safeguarding should report in immediately to the safeguarding officer at MCT. If the volunteer does not feel comfortable reporting to the safeguarding officer than they must report to another committee member or trustee.

MCT will follow up safeguarding reports and concerns and will take further any concerns to the local safeguarding hub. Child concern Telephone 0333 240 1727. Adult telephone Adult Social care 01229 407446 out of hours and bank holidays Tel 01228 526690.

If the concern or incident involved criminal behaviour this will also need reporting to the Police.

7. Confidentiality

It is essential that confidentiality is maintained at all stages of the process when dealing with safeguarding concerns. Information relating to the concern and subsequent case management should be shared only on a need to know basis and should be kept secure at all times.

- **Policy review**

Policy will be reviewed annually by the safeguarding lead, committee members and trustees.

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Resources used in creating this policy

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-duties-for-charity-trustees>

<http://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/2019/safeguarding-child-protection-standards>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/780846/criminal reporting of safeguarding offences including oberseas v3.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/780846/criminal_reporting_of_safeguarding_offences_including_oberseas_v3.pdf)

<https://www.charitygovernancecode.org/en>

