

The Matrix Trust - Child Protection Policy

Summary

The Matrix Trust takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults entrusted to its care or who use its services or participate in any of its groups.

For the purpose of this policy, children are defined as those who have not reached their 18th birthday.

The Matrix Trust are committed to:

- Listening to, valuing and relating effectively with children and young people.
- Ensuring the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults whilst participating in activities.
- Ensuring children's and youth workers are given appropriate support and training.
- Ensuring there is a robust system for dealing with concerns about possible abuse.

The Child Protection Policy (the Policy) outlines the procedures and standards expected by the Matrix Trust, and is subject to periodic review by the Trustees. The Trustees have adopted the Policy, summarised in this document, and have set out agreed guidelines relating to the following areas:

- Appointing children's and youth workers.
- Supervision of activities involving young people.
- Responding to allegations of abuse, including those made against members of the Matrix Trust.
- Helping victims of abuse.
- Roles within the Matrix Trust requiring Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure.

Each person appointed by the Matrix Trust in a paid or long-term voluntary role to work with children or young people will receive a copy of the Policy. The full policy will be available for inspection at all events and venues organised by the Trust. This summary of the Policy will be displayed in one or more prominent place(s) to facilitate awareness of the Policy's existence. A copy of the Policy can be inspected upon request to one of the contacts listed below or at any venue at which the Matrix Trust conducts its activities (see below)

The Policy has been approved and adopted by the Trustees. The Trustees have also appointed a Child Protection Co-ordinator who reports to the Trustees.

Signed	Role	Date
Inglis Wightman	Chair of Trustees	
Sue Medley	Trustee (Special Responsibility)	
Dave Slinn	Child Protection Officer	
John Evans	CRB Administrator/Coordinator	

For this event, a copy of the full Child Protection Policy Statement can be inspected

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