

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Care in Haslemere is now required by the Charity Commission to have a Safeguarding Policy that includes procedures and measures to protect our clients.

The Policy has to be made public and reviewed regularly and kept up to date.

Essentially it is to alert all our volunteers to the possibility of any of our clients being the victims of abuse. The abuse can take many forms - physical, mental, sexual, financial or neglect, either intentional or otherwise.

The signs to look out for might be changes in known behaviour, neglected appearance, or physical signs such as bruises.

If any volunteer has any suspicion that a client may be a victim of abuse, we ask that they report their concerns to the [Committee via the Care Office](#). Any such communication will be handled in the strictest confidence.

If appropriate the matter can then be referred to the relevant agency, e.g. police or social services.

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