



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding duties for charity trustees

As Trustees we take all reasonable steps to protect our charity's beneficiaries, volunteers and those connected with the activities of the charity from harm. We aim that our charity is a safe and trusted place in which to fulfil its aims.

There are no NFPTA's assets. If the charity should acquire assets they are used only to support or carry out the Association's purpose. We will not expose the Association's assets, beneficiaries or reputation to undue risk.

Safeguarding people who are at risk

Safeguarding means the range of measures in place to protect people in a charity, or those it comes into contact with, from abuse and maltreatment of any kind.

Safeguarding is defined in:

- [The Care and Support Statutory Guidance issued under the Care Act 2014](#)
- [Working together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)
- In Wales: [Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004 \(2007\)](#)

As trustees, we are aware that people may use the Association to get to children, vulnerable people, or their records for inappropriate or illegal purposes.

We are alert to this and actively manage the risk by ensuring our compliance to GDPR regulations, Privacy notices, and that new trustees are vetted by the management committee to ensure that people in positions of trust do not abuse their influence.

Funding other organisations

The Association does not fund other organisations but should we do so in future, we will ensure due diligence on any organisation that has contact with children or adults at risk before we give funding, including overseas partners.

We will ensure that we are confident that any partner organisation has:

- the ability to carry out the proposed activity or service
- appropriate controls in place, including adequate safeguarding measures

Checks for Trustees

When we registered as a charity, we declared that we:

- carried out all trustee eligibility checks the law requires
- are satisfied the checks showed that the trustees are eligible and suitable for the role
- Following new regulations on 1.8.18, the Association conduct checks on all new Trustees to ensure that automatic disqualification rules do not apply to Trustees, CEO or Financial Directors – via Charity commission declaration checklist.

Dealing with safeguarding incidents and allegations

The Association responsibly handle all incidents or allegations of abuse and reports of safeguarding risks or procedural failures. We make sure that people working in the charity – which currently has no staff or volunteers - know how to deal with safeguarding issues. As Trustees we prioritise safeguarding, so that it's safe for those affected to report incidents and concerns with the assurance that these will be handled properly.

We:

- manage reports of incidents, allegations and risks, and record and store these securely
- identify and manage risk
- make reports where necessary to the police, social services and other agencies, and where the criteria are met, send a serious incident report to the Charity Commission
- make changes to reduce the risk of any further incidents
- not lead potential witnesses or contaminate evidence

Our Policy is:

- agreed by trustees
- regularly updated
- in line with statutory guidance and national and local practice
- supported by a plan for putting it in place
- available to the public

We aim for all trustees, potential staff and volunteers to learn about protection issues as relevant to our Association's work and their responsibilities in line with statutory guidance.

Protection issues include:

- sexual abuse and exploitation
- negligent treatment
- physical or emotional abuse
- commercial exploitation
- extremism
- forced marriage
- child trafficking
- female genital mutilation

Any matters arising in regard to Safeguarding should be directed initially to the Management Committee via written notification or telephone communication, the committee will delegate responsibility accordingly and the Chair will ultimately have authorisation to seek advice and respond as appropriate.

Any stakeholders requiring clarification on any points should contact the management committee.

No safeguarding concerns were raised in the past five years. This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Management Committee.

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