

# WENDOVER U3A SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURE



## 1. What is 'Safeguarding'?

"Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It's fundamental to high-quality health and social care"

Ref: Care Quality Commission

## 2. Safeguarding and the U3A

- Safeguarding is everybody's business
- U3As have a duty of care to their membership
- We all have a duty to safeguard people at risk

## 3. U3A Committee Responsibilities

Your committee is responsible for ensuring that our members are not harmed in any way through contact with our U3A. They have a legal duty to act prudently, and this means that they must take all reasonable steps within their power to ensure that this does not happen.

## 4. What to do if you are concerned about the health or wellbeing of one of our members?

In the first instance share your concern, confidentially, with the Chairman of our U3A, or a designated member of the Wendover U3A Executive Committee who deals with Safeguarding matters. They will then decide what steps to take to resolve the matter.

## 5. Confidentiality

All such discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence, however in certain cases it may be necessary to seek guidance from the Third Age Trust.

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