

THE NALDER TRUST

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Introduction

1. The Nalder Trust (charity number 1173530) “the Trust” was established to provide housing for people in need in the Brockenhurst and surrounding area who are over 55.
2. The Trust currently owns four flats in a retirement block for people over 55.
3. The Trust has a sole Trustee, Brockenhurst Parish Council. The Council has delegated most of its functions to the Nalder Committee (the Committee). The Trust has no employees but the Parish Clerk acts as administrator to the Trust and the Committee.
4. The Care Act 2014 is the principal governing legislation and this policy is designed to ensure that the Trust complies with its legal duty to provide safe and secure accommodation and that the welfare of its adult resident tenants is paramount.
5. The Trust has contracted with English Rural Housing Association (Association) as its agent to deal directly with its resident tenants and so most resident interactions are with that Association.
6. This policy is therefore predicated on the basis that:
 - (a) the vast majority of safeguarding issues will first be dealt with by the Association following Association/resident interactions or referral from the Trust and on the basis of the Associations’ own safeguarding policy; and
 - (b) the Warden/manager in the retirement block will be guided to bring any safeguarding issues of which they may become aware to the Trust’s attention for action as well as to the Association; and
 - (c) This policy is therefore a reserve overarching policy to ensure there is no confusion of roles in working together to promote resident welfare and safeguard them from abuse and neglect.
7. The Trust does not consider that this policy on safeguarding needs any express provision for the protection of children at present.
8. Given the importance of the Association’s own Safeguarding Policy in relation to the Trust’s tenants, the Trust will at least annually review the Association’s Safeguarding Policy and also request that the Association keeps the Trust informed of any changes to it between reviews.
9. The Association’s current Safeguarding Policy is set out in the Annex to this policy.
10. If any of the factors in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 change then the policy will need to be reviewed. It will any event be reviewed annually, with the next review being [January 2021].

Responsibilities

11. Under the Care Act 2014, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the Trust is to be the Parish Clerk. In the absence of the Parish Clerk, a nominated member of the Committee shall be the DSL.
12. As neither the Clerk nor members of the Trust or Committee have direct responsibility for the care and support of the vulnerable adults no DBS check is necessary.
13. The DSL of the Association will ensure that the Warden is provided with guidance to ensure that any safeguarding issues are referred to the DSL of both the Trust and the Association;
14. Any member of the Committee who becomes aware of any safeguarding issue must refer the matter to the DSL of the Trust.
15. The Association will be provided with guidance to the effect that the DSL of the Association must inform the DSL of the Trust of any safeguarding issue affecting the Trust's tenants and inform that DSL of the steps being taken under the Care Act.
16. Where the DSL of the Trust is made aware of any safeguarding issues from any source (other than from the Association), s/he will immediately refer the matter to the DSL of the Association for further agreed action.
17. The DSL of the Trust will keep a record of all safeguarding issues affecting the Trust's tenants and the actions taken in relation to them.
18. The DSL of the Trust will monitor the actions being taken under the Association's Safeguarding Policy and update the Trust's records accordingly.
19. Where the DSL of the Trust has concerns over the actions of the Association's DSL not being sufficient to comply with the Trust's duties under the Care Act, s/he will refer the matter to the Committee to consider what steps should be taken (if any) to ensure that the Trust is compliant with the Act and that the tenant(s) are properly safeguarded.

Policy adopted on [2020] by the full Council as sole trustee of the Trust.

Due for review on the earliest of either:

- (a) a notified change in the Safeguarding policy of the Association; or
- (b) the Association ceasing to be the agent of the Trust; or
- (c) 31 January 2021

Signed

ANNEX
ENGLISH VILLAGES HOUSING ASSOCIATION
SAFEGUARDING POLICY
IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THIS POLICY.