



Introduction

The Relief in Need group of charities exist to assistance to people in need in Manchester, Salford and Trafford.

The safety and well-being of everyone connected with our work is of paramount importance to us.

Whilst the charities do not employ any staff or have any direct contact with beneficiaries, the Trustees acknowledge the important of safeguarding and the duties placed on them.

Scope

All representatives of the Relief in Need group of charities must read, understand and comply with the measures outlined in this framework. This includes:

- Trustees
- All agencies or organisations employed to deliver services on behalf of the Relief in Need charities.

This policy applies to group grant applicants only.

Grantees are not expected to comply with our Safeguarding Framework but must have their own safeguarding policies and procedures in place which reflect the unique nature of their organisation and the work they are undertaking.

The safeguards contained in this document apply equally to all individuals engaged with the Relief in Need charities, irrespective of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, sexual orientation or disability

Accountability

Safeguarding is integral to the leadership and governance of the Relief In Need Group of Charities. Our Board of Trustees have a duty to ensure the charities take all reasonable steps to prevent and protect beneficiaries and others from harm. They must also be satisfied that those receiving grants have adequate measures in place to safeguard children and adults in the communities they serve. If something goes wrong, the Trustees must be satisfied that all possible action is taken to put things right.

The Trustees will identify a Designated Trustee for Safeguarding.

People

Online safeguarding training is a compulsory part of the induction process for new Trustees.

This provides an overview to ensure that people are aware their responsibilities and how safeguarding relates to their role as Trustees.

Group Grantees

Safeguarding is integrated into the grant making processes. As a grant funder, whose maximum group grant is £5,000 the Trustees recognise the need to be proportionate in terms of the information requested as part of the grant application process concerning safeguarding.

We do this by asking applicants for group grants to confirm that they have a Safeguarding Policy in place and asking them if there have been any safeguarding incidents over the past 12 months and the steps that have been taken to address these.

Raising concerns

If there are safeguarding concerns that need to be raised with regard to Relief in Need and any of the organisations that it funds then in the first instance these should be raised with the Secretary and Administrator.

They will then contact the Trustees Lead on Safeguarding.