



EVERY HEART MATTERS UK

Non-Profit Unincorporated Community Association

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Safeguarding Statement

Organisation: Every Heart Matters UK

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1. Our Commitment

Every Heart Matters UK is committed to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all individuals who engage with our activities, events and services.

We recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable and to take reasonable steps to protect them from harm, abuse, neglect, exploitation or discrimination.

Everyone has the right to participate in community activities in a safe environment where they are treated with dignity, respect and consideration.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Safeguarding Statement is to:

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of all participants.
- Encourage a culture of respect and inclusion.
- Provide a framework for reporting safeguarding concerns.
- Ensure safeguarding is considered when planning and delivering activities.
- Demonstrate the organisation's commitment to responsible community engagement.

3. Scope

This statement applies to:

- Committee Members
- Volunteers
- Members
- Event participants
- Partner organisations
- Members of the public engaging with Every Heart Matters UK

4. Safeguarding Principles

Every Heart Matters UK will:

- Treat all individuals fairly and with respect.
- Promote equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Encourage a safe and welcoming environment.
- Listen to and take concerns seriously.
- Act appropriately when concerns are raised.
- Work within relevant safeguarding guidance and legislation where applicable.
- Seek to reduce risks at events and activities.

5. Reporting Concerns

Any safeguarding concern should be reported to a Committee Member as soon as possible.

Where a child, young person or vulnerable adult is believed to be at risk of harm, the matter should be referred to the appropriate authority or emergency services.

If a person is in immediate danger, emergency services should be contacted immediately by calling 999.

All concerns will be handled sensitively and appropriately.

6. Safe Working Practices

Every Heart Matters UK will seek to:

- Organise activities in safe and suitable environments.
 - Promote respectful behaviour at all events.
 - Consider safeguarding arrangements when planning activities.
 - Protect personal information and privacy.
 - Maintain appropriate boundaries between volunteers and participants.
 - Take reasonable steps to identify and reduce potential risks.
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7. Responsibility

The Management Committee has overall responsibility for safeguarding within Every Heart Matters UK.

The Chair shall act as the initial point of contact for safeguarding matters.

8. Review

This Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually by the Committee or sooner if required.

Approval

This Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Committee of Every Heart Matters UK on **1 August 2026**.

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"Preventing cardiovascular disease through community action, not crisis intervention."