



## Safeguarding policy May 2023

Safeguarding is the **responsibility of everyone** at Music Anywhere, we all have a part to play in keeping people safe from harm, neglect or abuse. We work with statutory organisations and others to fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities.

This policy is supplementary to safeguarding training which each person who works with Music Anywhere should receive (i.e. musicians, staff, volunteers).

### **Who does this apply to?**

The people we are keeping safe could include anyone, but particularly people who may be vulnerable, of any age. Everyone who comes into contact with our organisation should be treated with respect and dignity, but additionally be supported to be safe.

In the course of our work, we will encounter people in all living situations and of all ages and backgrounds. We must not presume that because someone has specific characteristics they are less at risk of harm. The policy applies to everyone, including you.

There are of course factors which make people more susceptible, including;

- Isolation
- Ability to tell others/speak freely
- Learning disability – especially with communication needs
- Physical disability

People who may perpetrate abuse include;

- anyone
- spouses/partners
- other family members
- neighbours
- friends
- acquaintances
- local residents
- people who deliberately exploit adults they perceive as vulnerable to abuse
- paid staff or professionals and volunteers
- strangers

### **Confidentiality**

Part of safeguarding is protecting someone from additional concern about their situation or disclosure. You will maintain strict confidentiality around the safeguarding concern.

If the situation has caused you distress, we will support you to access help and advice.



## What is being protected?

We all have a duty of care when we're working to support other people's health and wellbeing. Someone's right to live free from harm, neglect or abuse is what we are actively protecting through safeguarding.

This includes someone's right to live free from;

- [Physical abuse](#)
- [Domestic violence or abuse](#)
- [Sexual abuse](#)
- [Psychological or emotional abuse](#)
- [Financial or material abuse](#)
- [Modern slavery](#)
- [Discriminatory abuse](#)
- [Organisational or institutional abuse](#)
- [Neglect or acts of omission](#)
- [Self-neglect](#)

## Six key principles of safeguarding

### Empowerment

People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and provide informed consent.

### Prevention

It is better to take action before harm occurs.

### Proportionality

The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

### Protection

Support and representation for those in greatest need.

### Partnership

Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

### Accountability

Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

## What to do

If you have any concerns about someone, act. It is better to do something and be wrong in this situation.

If someone discloses information to you, do not ask leading questions, simply make a note of what you have been told.

- Times
- Dates
- Location
- Witnesses
- Sign and date any documents you pass on



1. If someone is immediately at risk of harm, call 999
2. Keep an accurate and factual record of concerns, without opinion
3. Report concerns to the Safeguarding Lead (Catherine Nunn [Cat@MusicAnywhere.org.uk](mailto:Cat@MusicAnywhere.org.uk))
4. If you prefer, contact the Safeguarding Board for your area directly (see local authority website) and speak to them - please keep Music Anywhere informed however, so we can act appropriately and not send anyone into a difficult situation
5. The outcome of raising a safeguarding concern may not be shared with you (see Data Protection policy), but you can ask if it has been followed up
6. Music Anywhere will take a multi-disciplinary approach and take any concerns directly to the safeguarding board, supporting them to gather information, which may include referring them back to the person who reported concerns

### Information

Please download from your app store or visit the linked websites;

- [Wales Safeguarding](#) app, it has details of all health boards and safeguarding leads per area
- [NHS Safeguarding app](#) for England
- [Adult Support](#) for Scotland
- Care Act 2014 [www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance)
- [Mental Capacity Act](#) 2005

For further guidance or information, please contact your safeguarding lead;

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