

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Purpose:	Summary of North Cotswold Foodbank's Safeguarding policy and commitments		
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North Cotswold Foodbank Safeguarding Policy Statement

1. North Cotswold Foodbank is committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults (those with care and support needs). We recognise that people who need to use the food bank may be vulnerable because of their immediate circumstances.
2. We recognise that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, and everyone in the North Cotswold Foodbank works to prevent harm or abuse to the children and vulnerable adults we meet through our food bank activities.
3. We recognise that the personal dignity and rights of adults and children must be at the centre of all that we do. We work to make sure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
4. We recognise that people who need to use the food bank may be vulnerable because of their immediate circumstances.
5. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those who will work with and/or are responsible for children and vulnerable adults. We believe every child and adult should be valued, safe and happy. We will make sure that all those we have contact with know this and are

able to tell us if they are experiencing threat or harm in any form. We will then take action to protect them in line with our safeguarding policy and procedures.

We are committed to:

6. Following all national safeguarding legislation and statutory and specialist guidance in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
7. Making sure that all food bank employees and volunteers will act in line with our agreed safeguarding policy and procedures.
8. Making it possible for those who undertake this work to do so safely and effectively and with dignity, compassion and justice.
9. Supporting all those who come into contact with North Cotswold Foodbank affected by, or at risk of, harm, abuse and neglect.

We recognise:

10. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
11. Children's Social Care (England, Wales, Scotland) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a vulnerable adult.
12. All North Cotswold Foodbank **employees and volunteers operate in a position of trust and will uphold our safeguarding commitments, policy and procedures.**
13. The sharing of information with relevant statutory agencies is a key part of effective safeguarding practice. We will always share information required to keep people safe from harm, abuse or neglect.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as Safeguarding Officers for North Cotswold Foodbank

Shirley Elliot - Operational Safeguarding Lead safeguardinglead@northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk

Your outlet safeguarding lead:

NAME	OUTLET	CONTACT DETAILS
		(note personal phone numbers are for internal use only and have been removed from this published version)

Tooty Gibbs	Chipping Campden	
Kate Seward	Moreton in Marsh	
Karen Dean	Stow on the Wold	
Bretta Townend Jowitt	Bourton on the Water	
Carol Gardiner	Bishops Cleeve (St Michael's)	
Rachel Stevens	Bishops Cleeve Primary Academy	
Angela Piercy	Winchcombe	
Shirley Elliott	Store	safeguardinglead@northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk

North Cotswold Foodbank's safeguarding policy is published on our [website](#)

We will review this statement and our policy every 3 years.

This statement was approved by the Trustees:

Name: Garry Dick	 Signed:
Position: Chair	Date: 20 August 2025