

<b>Open Door Centre Policy 04</b>	<b>Safeguarding Adults at Risk</b>
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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The John Trotter Trust [JTT] is the Registered Charity for the Open Door Centre [Charity Registration No: 1141414]. The Centre is at the heart of the outreach to the community of Christ Church Barnet [CCB]. Where relevant, the Trust's policies reflect those of CCB.

## **2 Role of John Trotter Trust Safeguarding Officer**

- 2.1 The JTT Safeguarding Officer is responsible for ensuring the coordination of any concerns about an adult at risk, or the behaviour of an adult working with them. Their role is to ensure that these are appropriately reported to the statutory agencies and to the Trustees.

## **3 When is an Adult at risk?**

- 3.1 An adult at risk is defined as '... any person over the age of 18 years who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness, and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm ...'. It is also recognised that a person may be at risk if they have suffered personal adversity and may be in need of pastoral support.
- 3.2 The factors which increase vulnerability include sensory, physical or learning disabilities, physical illness, chronic ill health, addiction to drugs or alcohol and old age. Adults at risk may be mistreated or abused by a wide range of people including relatives, professional staff, carers, volunteers, neighbours and friends.

## **4 Mistreatment or significant harm**

- 4.1 Abuse or mistreatment is a single or repeated act which violates an individual's human and/or civil rights. Nine categories of abuse have been identified, namely: physical, emotional or psychological, sexual, financial, discriminatory, institutional, spiritual, domestic, and neglect.

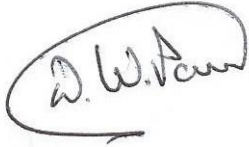
## **5 General Indications that abuse may be occurring**

- 5.1 These include covering up injuries, denying anything is amiss, withdrawing from normal activities, and not being allowed to speak for themselves. Behaviours that may be observed about a carer, family member or person close to the adult at risk include indifference or anger, aggressive or harsh behaviour, inappropriate display of affection or care, restricting activities and the absence of assistance.

## **6 Procedures to follow if there may be concern**

- 6.1 Inform the Safeguarding Officer if a safeguarding concern is reported to, or identified by any member or volunteer working in the Open Door Centre. It is imperative that a written statement is made by that person within 24 hours detailing the who, what, when, where, why and how of the concern. This statement should be sent to the Trustees Safeguarding Officer and a copy to the Chairman.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. W. Brown", enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

Chairman of Trustees

This Policy was reaffirmed by the Trustees of the John Trotter Trust at their meeting on 15 May 2019	
Date of next review of this policy	May 2020
Queries about this policy should be directed to	Centre Safeguarding Officer: Helen Hampson