


**ADDENDUM JULY 2020 – MUSICAL CONNECTIONS COVID-19 SAFEGUARDING POLICY**



During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to suspend all of our face-to-face activities indefinitely, and have instigated an alternative programme of activities aimed at supporting our members through the period of their enforced isolation. These activities involve communicating with our members on the telephone, by post and, for those who have internet access, by email. We are also running a range of online sessions and activities. Additional safeguarding concerns during this period relate to:

- Data protection: in order to connect with 85+ members by phone and post, we have sought their consent to share numbers and addresses with volunteers, and have only done so when consent has been given
- Dealing with welfare issues raised during our regular phone calls. If we have cause for concern, we contact:
  - Next-of-kin
  - The GP
  - In an emergency, we will ring 999
- The public sharing of videos made by musicians and group members in their own homes – in all cases, we ensure that background and clothing are appropriate for sharing
- Zoom and Facebook Live sessions: musicians are expected to operate as professionally as they would in a face-to-face session, and to maintain adherence to the Musical Connections Code of Conduct

| LAST REVIEWED  | DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD      | SIGNATURE   |
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| 14th July 2020 | Valerie Sutton, Chair of Trustees |  |
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