Rivertime Boat Trust Policies
Protection of Vulnerable Children and Adults

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Introduction:

This Code of Practice is issued not only for the protection and proper treatment of children and vulnerable adults but also to facilitate the protection of all personnel who work for the Rivertime Boat Trust.

The Trustees of the Rivertime Boat Trust recognise that it operates in an environment where child and vulnerable adult protection issues are increasingly high profile. Everyone working for the trust should pay due regard to safeguarding themselves by recognising and observing the following code of practice:

- All our clients will have their own approved code of practice for dealing with matters relating to child and vulnerable adult's protection. We will expect the carers who come on-board Rivertime to make us aware of any relevant issues and to be aware of our policy.

- We expect carers to take full responsibility for all those in their care whilst on board Rivertime.

- At no time will children or vulnerable adults be allowed on-board without their carer.

- All personnel who work for the Trust will have an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) certificate prior to working on-board the boat with children and vulnerable adults.

- Rivertime Personnel should not have physical contact with children and vulnerable adults except where it is necessary to avoid an accident or injury to themselves or others on board the boat or to avoid a collision. In the event of this happening a written record should be kept detailing the events, names, and witnesses.

- Rivertime personnel are always encouraged to be friendly and positive and to respond helpfully to all reasonable requests from the carers.

- Rivertime personnel are advised to consider very carefully any situation which could give rise to any allegation whatsoever and to completely avoid such situations.

- Should any Rivertime personnel have any concerns whatsoever they should report them immediately to the Operations Manager or managing trustee.