



**Caring
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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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Caring Matters Now Social Media Policy

Our Mission

Caring Matters Now is the only dedicated UK charity to provide information and support for those affected by Congenital Melanocytic Naevus. The charity has three main aims:

- To support those affected by CMN
- To raise awareness about CMN
- To raise funds for the CMN research

Caring Matters Now holds support events across the UK to allow those affected by CMN to come together to share stories and experiences and for the children to bond with others that share the same condition. The charity also has developed a wide range of support material for parents of children with CMN.

Caring Matters Now also raises awareness about CMN, especially within the medical field and aims to raises £100,000 per year, which supports the CMN research at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Board of Trustees

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Social Media Use

Caring Matters Now is keen to develop regular contact with all members and this can be achieved in a number of ways, including linking up with members via social media. Currently, the charity operates the following social media platforms:

- ✓ Facebook Page
- ✓ Facebook Private Groups
- ✓ Twitter Account
- ✓ Instagram Account

All the above social media platforms are in operation to:

- ✓ Provide up to date information and news regarding Caring Matters Now
- ✓ Provide a platform for members to link up together and support one another

Code of Conduct

Caring Matters Now charity has developed a list of behaviors, which must be respected and adhered to by all those that use any of the charity's social media accounts.

- **BE NICE TO PEOPLE.** It's important, and the only way this will work.
- **KEEP IT CLEAN.** If you wouldn't show it to your mother, don't share it here.
- **BE WISE – DON'T TAG.** We all use social media in different ways and everyone has the right to decide what is posted on their social media accounts. Be wise and don't tag others into your posts, as people may not want their social media accounts to advertise your post with their contacts.
- **THIS IS FOR YOU.** Use it. Share things, learn stuff, and get to know each other.
- **BE A FRIEND NOT A MEDIC.** It's important for everyone to remember that Caring Matters Now **does not** give medical advice, or recommend treatments. So when somebody says "you should do this" or "you should do that" what they're really telling you is what they would do if they were in your shoes. Nothing more. The purpose of the Facebook group is for people to share their knowledge and experiences. You should always remember that the **Caring Matters Now social media sites, in particularly, the Facebook Group is not intended to replace the counsel of your healthcare professional.**
- **IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT YOU.** Posts that advertise, promote services or products or distribute unsolicited information or speak in a disrespectful manner are not allowed and will be removed. Caring Matters Now trustees reserve the right to block or ban users who do this more than once. Remember, this is for you, but that does not mean this is all about you.

Reserved Right

In fostering a positive experience for the charity members, the Caring Matters Now trustees reserve the right to take down photos, comments and other material deemed "unproductive". This includes, but is not

limited to, vulgar language, disturbing photos, angry or aggressive behavior toward others, and posting anything in violation of any intellectual property right of another. If someone persists in offensive behavior or continually violates any of the above behaviors, the Caring Matters Now trustees may block that person from further participation.

Facebook Private Groups

The Caring Matters Now Facebook Private Groups give members an opportunity to share experiences and ask questions in a safe environment. Only Caring Matters Now members are given permission to become a member of the charity's Facebook Private Groups. To gain access, a number of security questions must be answered, followed by the name of the individual requesting access to be cross referenced with the charity's membership database.

Facebook Private Groups Social Media Statement

The primary purposes of this Facebook Group:

- to update people on all aspects of the work of Caring Matters Now
- to provide mutual support to one another in a respectful manner

Further information about Caring Matters Now can be found here: www.caringmattersnow.co.uk

If you are registered with the charity and would like to be added to this group, please request to join and await approval.

Please follow the Caring Matters Now Group Rules, taken from our Social Media Policy. Full details of our Social Media Policy can be viewed on our website.

Cause for Concern

If anyone has a cause for concern with regards to someone violating the code of conduct behaviors, they should inform the charity by emailing info@caringmattersnow.co.uk