



Privacy Statement

Overview

AYME's reason for existence is its members who are young people and children. Every effort is made by AYME to ensure the protection of these members and their families and carers, to maintain the security and accuracy of the data held and monitor the integrity of the advice and support given.

Data – AYME is registered under the Data Protection act No Z9020055 A separate DP policy is available. The information you provide will enable us to contact you with AYME publications, benefits, events and services.. In particular circumstances, and with your consent, individuals may give permission for certain data to be passed to appropriate experts. Aggregated data may be quoted for statistical purposes. We may need to disclose your information if required to do so by law.

Child Protection – all staff, Trustees and Service Team Mangers are CRB checked.

Misrepresentation – anyone seeking to join or joining AYME who is not a bona fide young person up to 26yrs age with ME/CFS will not be accepted or will be expelled and matters may be referred to the relevant authorities.

Website

Open Area – it is the wish of the members that the information given is freely available to all. The information is not intended to replace individual personal medical advice or treatment. Those people mentioned on these webpages have given permission to be identified.

Members areas – young people joining AYME and parents/carers joining LINK have access to closed areas in which they may exchange information. These are carefully moderated and members are required to agree to an *anti-bullying policy*. The rules are displayed on the Members' message board

Weblinks – the AYME website contains reference and links to other websites. These connections do not imply endorsement nor that similar policies are in place at the other sites. AYME may also be linked from other websites without its knowledge or endorsement.

Cookies – are in use. They are small pieces of information stored on your hard drive and do contain information about you. If you want to disable these refer to you internet browser's help menu. (The website <http://www.allaboutcookies.org> may be helpful) Note: this may affect your access to the members area and message board.

Communications

Email – please be aware that standard emails are not secure media and no guarantee can be given as to the privacy of data in them. In particular they should not be used for financial transactions.

Mailings - members will receive materials and mailings related to their membership. They may opt out of any direct marketing or fundraising mailings, See also DP Policy

Policy management – any queries relating to this statement or complaints should be addressed to the AYME Chair of Trustees. AYME policies are reviewed at least annually (normally at the AGM in June).

Adoption by BoT

This policy was adopted by the AYME BoT at a meeting on 15th May 2008