

Principles of the House of Bishop's Policy for Safeguarding Adults

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Principles

We are committed to:

- Respectful pastoral ministry to all adults within our church community.
- Within our church community, to the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people.

We will carefully select and train all those with any pastoral responsibilities within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We will respond without delay to any complaint made which suggests that an adult for whom we were responsible has been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, in partnership with other agencies where appropriate.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

This principle statement will be renewed annually and progress in carrying it out will be monitored by **The Safeguarding Coordinator who is:**

Keith Mountford

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please contact Keith Mountford at:

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Or Donna Bernard- Carlin, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser - 01636 817200.

This statement was agreed by Nottingham St Peter and All Saints Parochial Church Council.

Date: 7th February 2018

Signed:  (Incumbent)

Signed:  (Lay Chair of PCC or Churchwarden.)