

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children in the Church

BARNSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Referred to as "the church" in the Policy Statement)

The vision/purpose of the church is:

As a family of God's people we are committed to growing through:

Worship: Honouring God in all we do all the time and through accessible, energising and transforming services.

Fellowship: Building a united, inclusive, loving community where everyone can find a place to belong.

Discipleship: Teaching and equipping people of all ages to become lifelong followers of Jesus.

Ministry: Enabling people to use their gifts to serve God, by serving each other, our community and those in need.

Mission: Representing God locally, nationally and globally, by participating in His mission through praying, giving and going.

In fulfilling this vision/purpose the church:

Has a programme of activities with children and young people

Welcomes children and young people into the life of our community

Makes our premises available to organisations working with children and young people

The church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all children and young people under the age of 18 (regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability) as set out in The Children Act 1989 and 2004, and other subsequent statutory legislation, *Safe from Harm* (HM Government 1994) and *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (HM Government 2010) and *Safe to Grow* (Baptist Union).

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of all children and young people associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.

In pursuit of this we commit ourselves to the following policies and to the development of procedures to ensure their implementation.

Prevention and reporting of abuse

It is the duty of each church member and each member of the wider church family to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and the duty of all to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and young people and to report any child abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse.

Safe recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safeguarding of children.

Respecting children and young people

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and young people so that all children and young people are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safe working practices

The church is committed to providing a safe environment for activities with children and young people and will adopt ways of working with children and young people that promote their safety and well-being.

A safe community

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying of children and young people. The church will ensure that the behaviour of any who may pose a risk to children and young people in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

Responsible people

The church has appointed:

Andrew Foers as Designated Person for Safeguarding (Telephone no. 01226 231520 or 07825729421)

He will advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected

Jennifer Lynne Timm as Safeguarding Trustee/Deacon (Telephone no. 0114 2452224 or 07762333530)

She will oversee and monitor the implementation of the policy and procedures on behalf of the church's charity trustees.

When possible, the Safeguarding Team will work together if and when issues arise.

Policy and Procedures

A copy of the policy statement will be displayed permanently on the notice board in THE STOCK HALL and in other rooms used regularly for activities with children and young people.

Each worker with children and young people, whether paid or voluntary, is given a full copy of the policy and procedures and is required to follow them.

A full copy of the policy and procedures will be made available on request.

The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed at least annually by the Safeguarding Deacon.

The policy statement will also be read annually at the Church Annual Meeting together with a report on the outcome of the annual review.

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POLICY STATEMENT ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF ADULTS AT RISK

Our policy statement is set out below, if you have any questions or concerns please contact

This statement was adopted at the church meeting held on 28th November 2013. It will be presented each year to a church meeting held in the month of November where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.

We are dedicated in the pastoral care and support of those who have experienced abuse.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with adults at risk.

The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.

The church adopts the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain published in Safe to Belong 2015.

Each person who works with adults at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church

Responsible persons:

The church has appointed **Lynne Timm (Tel: 0114 2452224)** as the Safeguarding Deacon to:

Oversee and monitor implementation of the policy and procedures on behalf of the church's charity trustees. (The Minister and the Deacons).

The church has appointed **Audrey Leech (Tel: 01226 753029)** and **Jean Chapman (Tel: 01226 242542)** as the Designated Persons for Safeguarding and are responsible for representing the concerns and views of adults at risk, at our meetings and to outside bodies. They are also the persons to contact for any concerns or questions regarding protecting adults at risk.