



Leadership Safeguarding Statement

Protection of Children and Adults Policy Statement The King's Church Mid-Sussex

The following statement was agreed by the leadership on: 27th November 2022

This organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.

Specifically:

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of both children and adults with care and support needs and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the importance of personal dignity and the rights of children and adults with care and support needs and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe everyone should enjoy and have access to every relevant aspect of the life of our place of worship/organisation.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and vulnerable adults.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults ensuring that all workers follow the agreed procedures set out in our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.

- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this organisation.
- Supporting all in the organisation affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child and that Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police will be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Where working outside of the UK, concerns will be reported to the appropriate agencies in the country in which we operate, and their procedures followed, and in addition we will report concerns to our Safeguarding Coordinator.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy and procedures annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult then speak to one of the following who have been approved as Safeguarding Coordinators for this place of organisation:

Helen Lake	Safeguarding Coordinator
Vulu Sibanda	Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator
Liz Van Graan	Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator
Verena Powell	Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator

A copy of this policy and procedures is available from:

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