

Our Safeguarding Policy Statement

As leaders and trustees of Knighton & Knucklas Baptist Church, we are fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of our members and those entrusted to our care. This safeguarding policy statement, along with the guidelines and procedures outlined in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Handbook, forms our safeguarding policy and procedures.

We acknowledge that children, young people and adults can be the victims of abuse and neglect, and we recognise our obligation to ensure their safety in the activities carried out in the name of this church. We aim to provide a caring environment and to respond sensitively and immediately to any concerns. Members of the church, paid staff and volunteers will show respect to others, promote the ethos of listening to children and vulnerable people and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the principles of the Christian church.

The church will care for children, young people and vulnerable adults and safeguard them by following good practices in relation to the following:

- ⇒ **Responding appropriately to concerns and allegations.** (Handbook Sections 3.2 and 4.2) In line with our policy and guidelines, we undertake to respond immediately when a suspicion of abuse or any other concerns or allegations are drawn to our attention. We undertake to cooperate with the Local Authority or the Police if an investigation is launched.
- ⇒ **Safer Recruitment for workers and volunteers** (Handbook Section 2), including DBS checks every 4 years for eligible workers, leaders and trustees.
- ⇒ **Training and supporting our workers and volunteers** in their role and in the protection of children and vulnerable people.
- ⇒ **Promoting good working practices** (Handbook Sections 3.1 and 4.1) and creating a safe environment.

Our responsibility

We acknowledge that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we should report any concerns directly to the Interdenominational Safeguarding Panel, to our local safeguarding coordinator or to statutory authorities in an emergency. Trustees/deacons/elders of this local church have a responsibility to ensure that the safeguarding policy and best practice is carried out. They will work with the Interdenominational Safeguarding Panel on safeguarding matters.

OUR SAFEGUARDING CONTACT POINTS

We have nominated the following as our local safeguarding contacts: -

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