

Warsash United Reformed Church - Safeguarding Policy Statement

Safeguarding is the action taken to promote and protect the well-being of all individuals who interact with the Church and how we protect them from the risks of abuse.

This means we will: -

- Do all we can to create and maintain a safe and caring environment for all people.
- Respond promptly and effectively to any form of abuse, including reporting abuse to statutory agencies as necessary.
- Seek to prevent abuse in any form from occurring.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone in the Church to prevent abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults; and to support the wellbeing of each person within the community in which the Church is placed. Safeguarding is supported with relevant policies, codes of conduct, guidelines and training.

We acknowledge that the wellbeing of anyone who is experiencing or is at risk of experiencing abuse is paramount. We will always act in their best interests in line with national legislation, relevant statutory guidelines and good practice guidance. Our policy is in line with the Human rights Act 1988, the 1989 United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child and the Equality Act 2010

We commit to promote safe and healthy cultures and to update and disseminate good practice standards. We also ensure that everyone in a position of trust is recruited / appointed / elected and trained in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. We commit to respond promptly and appropriately to any safeguarding allegation or matter concerning children, young people or vulnerable adults.

**Safeguarding
Coordinator**
Brian Reid



07768 478679

Link Person A

Debbie Couzens



07543 080824

Link Person B

Ken Chan



07752 660419

**Health & Safety
Coordinator**
Jan Haskell



Link persons together with the Safeguarding Coordinator will act as liaison between Social Services, Authorities and Church Leaders in the event of a reported incident. If you discover abuse or suspected abuse, you must report this to the Safeguarding Coordinator or to any of the Church leaders or to one of the Link persons above.

First Aiders are Identified on the Main Noticeboard in the Church

These are: - Isabel Reid and Debbie Couzens.

Our Fire Safety Coordinator and Fire Marshall is Steve Couzens

Local Children's Service

0300 555 1384 (During office hours)

0300 555 1373 (Out of Hours)

Childline Help Number

0800-1111

NSPCC Helpline

0808-800-5000

POLICE – Emergency

999

POLICE – Non-Emergency

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