

QWC09b SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT



Queensway Chapel recognises the importance of its ministry/work with children and young people and adults in need of protection and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy and procedures annually. This task should be monitored by the Safeguarding trustee reporting back to the Trustees and Leadership team.

Queensway Chapel is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and ensuring their well-being. **Specifically:**

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- 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 suffering harm.
- All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults who have care and support needs and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults who find themselves victims of forced marriage or modern slavery and will ensure all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of the place of worship/organisation unless they pose a risk to the safety of those we serve.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children and vulnerable adults.

We are committed to:

- Following the requirements for UK legislation in relation to safeguarding children and adults and good practice recommendations.
- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Implementing the requirements of legislation in regard to people with disabilities.
- Ensuring that workers adhere to the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Following any denominational or organisational guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults in need of protection.
- Supporting the safeguarding co-ordinator/s in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children/vulnerable adults.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this place of worship/organisation.
- Supporting parents and families
- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding of children and young people
- Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring, and providing supervision to all those who undertake this work.
- Supporting all in the place of worship/organisation affected by abuse.
- Adopting and following the 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards developed by Thirtyone:eight.

Putting the Policy in to Practice

- A copy of the Safeguarding Policy statement will be displayed on the church notice board and in the church office and is available on our church web site
- Every worker with children or vulnerable adults will be given a copy of the statement of policies and will sign to confirm that they are being followed.
- A full copy of the policy and procedures can be made available to any person associated with the church
- The policy will be reviewed annually and kept up to date.
- The policy statement will be read annually at the church main AGM. Together with a report on the safeguarding review

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SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

We work to a formal safeguarding policy and it can be seen on request from:

Rachel Erwin, any other member of the Leadership Team or Family Centre staff.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child you can speak to Sally Oliver

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a vulnerable adult you can speak to Rachel Erwin

They have been appointed by the leadership of Queensway Chapel to respond to any safeguarding concerns.

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On behalf of the Queensway Chapel leadership Team.

26 March 23