

Kerith Community Church Safeguarding Policy Statement

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

We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of church life.

We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure the children with whom we have contact, know this, and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk of harm and abuse and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and ensuring that all workers will work within the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010, Care Act 2014 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.
- Supporting everyone in the church community affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. 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 should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

We will review this statement and our policy annually to make sure they remain relevant and effective.

A copy of the full policy and procedures is available from The Kerith Centre reception or from your site co-ordinator.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, please contact one of our Safeguarding Team:

Safeguarding Officer:

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Trustee with responsibility for safeguarding:

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Signed: 

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