

Benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield



Parish Safeguarding Policy – Vulnerable Adults

1. We are committed to:
 - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all adults
 - The safeguarding and protection of adults when they are vulnerable
 - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse. [Appendix 1](#)
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks. [Appendix 2](#)
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place. [Appendix 3 & 3a](#)
4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. Abuse may include deliberate or unintended neglect; psychological, financial, domestic or organisational abuse; discrimination or modern slavery. [Appendix 4](#)
6. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust. Other potential abusers may include relatives, neighbours, carers, workers in places of worship, other vulnerable adults or confidence tricksters.
7. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable adult.
8. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.

The guidelines and information found in the appendices are based on the 'Diocesan Child Protection Manual' and 'Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations that relate to Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults' (House of Bishops November 2018).

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Signed  PCC Secretary Date 17 September 2019