

POLICY STATEMENT ON

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk at Criccieth Family Church

Criccieth Family Church

- runs a variety of activities for children, young people and adults at risk
- welcomes children, young people and adults at risk into the life of the church
- on occasion makes our premises available to organisations working with children and young people

We recognise our responsibilities for the safeguarding of all children, young people and under the age of 18 and adults at risk, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or ability, as set out in the relevant acts of parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of all children, young people and adults at risk associated with the church and we will pray for them regularly.

In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to the following policies and the continued development of procedures to ensure their implementation-

Prevention and reporting of abuse

It is the duty of each church partner and each member of the wider church family to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and adults at risk. It is the duty of all to respond to concerns about the well-being of the children, young people and adults at risk, and to report any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

Safe recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will follow safe recruitment processes in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk. They will be given clear roles.

Respecting children, young people and adults at risk

The church has good practice guidelines and a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children, young people and adults at risk so that all children, young people and adults at risk are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safe working practices

The church is committed to providing a safe environment for activities with children, young people and adults at risk, and will adopt ways of working with children and young people that promote their safety and well-being.

A safe community

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying of children and young people. The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults at risk in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

Responsible people

Wendy Pearson, Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) Children and young people

She will advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and young people and take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected. She will monitor the safeguarding policies and practices of any other organisations that use the church premises

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Barbara Margetts, Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (DDPS) Adults at risk

She will advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of adults at risk and take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected. She will assist and support the DPS in general safeguarding matters.

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Steve Trythall, Safeguarding Trustee

He will raise the profile of safeguarding within the church and oversee and monitor the implementation of the safeguarding policy and procedures on behalf of the church trustees.

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Policy and procedures

- A copy of the policy statement will be displayed permanently on the church noticeboard.
- Each worker with children, young people and adults at risk, whether voluntary or paid, will be given a full copy of 'Good Practice Guidelines and Code of Behaviour', or 'Safeguarding procedures for working with adults at risk' as appropriate, and will be required to follow them.
- A full copy of the policy and 'Good Practice Guidelines' and 'Safeguarding procedures' will be made available, on request, to any partner of the church, the parents or carers of any child or young person from the church or any other person associated with the church.
- The policy and 'Good Practice Guidelines and Code of Behaviour' will be reviewed annually and a report concerning its implementation will be given to the church partners, together with a report on the outcome of the annual safeguarding review.
- The Designated Person for Safeguarding will check that our mission partners, other Christian organisations who use our premises and Christian events we would advertise to under 18s have safeguarding policies.