



Wellington Baptist Church

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Safeguarding Statement of Policy on Vulnerable Adults

As Christians we are charged to love and care for each other. This is particularly true where the most vulnerable members of our community are concerned.

We believe that being part of the Christian family of the Church places responsibilities on all her members, both institutional and individual, to ensure that the environment for all is safe.

This includes safety for all those who are vulnerable and all who wish to share in the life of the church and who are offered support and pastoral care by the church, both formal and informal.

We will seek to develop good practice guidelines based upon the UK government's guidance "No secrets."

It is the desire of the church to enable all members of the community to play a full part in the life of the church as far as they wish, particularly those people with disabilities and impairments.

A vulnerable person is defined as a one who may be at risk and in need as a result of 1) sensory or physical disability or impairment, 2) a learning disability, 3) a physical illness, 4) a mental illness, chronic or otherwise including dementia or an addiction to alcohol or drugs, 5) a reduction in physical, mental or emotional capacity, or someone who has for any reason become unable to protect him or herself from significant harm or exploitation, 6) English as a 2nd language.

We are concerned that those who work in regular, face to face contact or have responsibilities with vulnerable adults should be aware of the potential for misuse and abuse of power. We therefore commit ourselves to training in good practice and awareness of adult abuse and the proper recruitment of those who work with vulnerable adults within this church.

**Signed at the AGM
July 2022**

Revd Sam Q Griffiths, Pastor