

**Children and Vulnerable Adult
Protection and Safeguarding Statement
(June 2016)**



New Life Church Bristol regards the protection and safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and good working practice as a priority. In the interests of the safety and well being of all it has developed and operates a formal safeguarding policy, which is registered with the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service.

New Life Church Bristol is committed to ensuring that everyone working with children or young people:

has been safely recruited,

is adequately trained and supervised,

understands and follows New Life Church Bristol's safeguarding policy.

The safeguarding policy may be viewed by contacting the church via:

safeguarding@newlifechurchbristol.org

As part of this church's commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults it has appointed **Mrs Michelle Moorcraft** as interim safeguarding coordinator. All the children and young people and vulnerable adults involved in activities within the church know who they are.

New Life Church Bristol's dedicated email address **safeguarding@newlifechurchbristol.org** forwards all correspondence direct to and only to the safeguarding coordinator and deputy safeguarding coordinator.

Should New Life Church Bristol have any safeguarding concerns it will seek the advice of the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service and if appropriate contact the statutory authorities.

New Life Church Bristol:

Is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and ensuring their well-being.

Believes all adults and children should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of New Life Church Bristol

Undertakes to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and vulnerable adults.

Believes 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.

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

Recognises the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable adults and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.

We are committed to:

Following specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and will ensure that as a church all workers will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.

Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 and all other relevant legislation, with regard to safeguarding.

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.

Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

Supporting all in the church affected by abuse.

We recognise:

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 a vulnerable adult.

Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

**If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult
or in relation to any safeguarding matter then
please speak to the safeguarding coordinator or email them at**

safeguarding@newlifechurchbristol.org

Further details about safeguarding policies and training can be obtained from the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, P O Box 133, Swanley, Kent BR8 7UQ telephone 0845 120 4550. Email info@ccpas.co.uk Web: www.ccpas.co.uk