

Policy Statement on Safeguarding

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS POLICY STATEMENT

The following statement was agreed by the Senior Leadership Team on **xx/xx/xxxx** (add date)

- Trent Vineyard Church in all its ministries is committed to the safeguarding of both children and adults with additional care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults with additional care and support needs and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of both children and adults with additional care and support needs and will ensure that all our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all adults and children should enjoy appropriate access to the life and ministries of Trent Vineyard where safe to do so.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those who will work with children and adults with additional care and support needs.
- We believe everyone should be valued and feel safe. We want to make sure that all children and adults with additional care and support needs involved in the life of Trent Vineyard know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and Trent Vineyard will ensure that as a place of worship/organisation all workers (paid and unpaid) will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation including the Equality Act 2010.
- 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 by working in partnership with CCPAS and other organisations.
- Encouraging everyone to embrace and abide by the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Supporting all those involved in the life of Trent Vineyard affected by abuse.

We recognise that:

- 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, 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 an adult with care and support needs speak to one of the ministry Safeguarding Leads or the Safeguarding Coordinator identified on information available in reception at Trent Vineyard and The Arches.

INSERT SIGNATURES

John and Debby Wright

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Date _____

Name/ Trustee for Safeguarding

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Date _____

A copy of the full safeguarding policy can be made available on request by email to the safeguarding coordinator: mandy.stott@trentvineyard.org

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