

HUTTON AND SHENFIELD UNION CHURCH

Safeguarding Policy Statement

This church is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk, and to ensuring their well-being.

We believe that all children and adults at risk should know that they are valued within the church and can safely enjoy and have access to, every aspect of the life of our church.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children under 18 years of age.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, financial, discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk.

We recognise that domestic abuse affects both adults and children and believe that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and inconsistent with a Christian way of living.

We recognise that safeguarding is a whole church responsibility.

We are committed to:

The establishment of a loving environment, which is safe and caring, and where there is an informed vigilance about the dangers of abuse.

Following the relevant legislation, statutory, denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk.

Taking all reasonable steps to ensure that as a church, everyone works within the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policies.

Supporting the Designated Person for Safeguarding and her deputy in their work and in any action that they need to take in order to protect children and adults at risk.

Following safe recruitment principles in the appointment and selection of all those who work with children and adults at risk, be they volunteers or paid staff, lay or ordained.

Supporting, supervising, resourcing and training all those who undertake work with children or adults at risk.

Reporting any abuse of children or adults at risk that we discover or suspect. Supporting all those in our church who are affected by abuse.