



SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

Our vision

The vision statement of The Community Church is:

Making God known, serving neighbours and nations

In fulfilling this vision, we welcome children and adults at risk into the life of our community

Our safeguarding responsibilities

The church recognises its responsibility to safeguard all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability. As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church.

Prevention and reporting of abuse

We believe it is each church member's duty to help prevent abuse of all within our community and to respond to concerns about their well-being. Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead in accordance with our procedures. The church undertakes to cooperate fully with any statutory investigation if ever there was any allegation of suspected abuse.

Safer recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will exercise proper care and background checks in the selection and appointment of those working with children and adults at risk, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children and adults at risk.

Respecting children and adults at risk

The church has a Code of Behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and adults at risk. The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults at risk and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

Putting our policy into practice

- A copy of the safeguarding policy statement will be displayed permanently on the church notice board and is available on our church website.
- Each worker with children and/or adults at risk will sign our Code of Behaviour indicating that they agree with it.
- A full copy of our Safeguarding Policy will be made available on request to anyone who asks.
- The Safeguarding Policy, will be monitored and reviewed annually by the Church Safeguarding Team and any necessary revisions will be adopted into the policy and implemented through our procedures



Safeguarding contacts within our church

The church has appointed the following individuals to form part of the church safeguarding team:

CHRIS CLEGG: Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS)
Email address: chrislegg@thecomcommunitychurch.online

She will advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and take the appropriate action immediately if abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

JUSTIN OLDHAM: Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (DDPS)
Email address: safeguarding@thecomcommunitychurch.online

He will assist the Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) in helping the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and take the appropriate action immediately if abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

JACQUIE COLES: Safeguarding Trustee
Email address: jacquiecoles@outlook.com

She 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. They do not need to know about allegations made unless the DPS or DDPS or a member of staff is implicated.

Further contact information

If you think a person is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

For non-urgent enquiries, you can contact the following:

- Thames Valley Police - Phone 101 for a non-emergency
- Crimestoppers:
<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>
- NSPCC Child Protection Service Helpline 0808 800 5000
- Buckinghamshire County Council
For reporting abuse - First Response Team
Telephone: 01296 383 962 / 0800 137 915
Monday to Thursday: 9am to 5.30pm, and Friday: 9am to 5pm

If you need an urgent response outside of these hours, contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0800 999 7677