

The Hub Beeding

Adopted: September 2018

Next Review: July 2019

Owner: Debbie Wood

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Adults at Risk

The declared purpose of Upper Beeding Baptist Church is fivefold:

- to worship God
- help people come to know Jesus
- build caring relationships
- grow spiritually
- serve others

We summarise The Church's purpose as being "to worship God, love one another and serve the community".

In outworking our purpose with regard to adults, the church

- has a programme of activities with adults who may be at risk
- welcomes adults at risk into the life of our community
- makes our premises available to organisations working with adults at risk

Introduction

The church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of adults at risk. There is no single definition for an adult at risk, so for our policy we are using the following simple definition taken from CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) which is also used by The Baptist Union of Great Britain in their Safe to Belong Policy.

"Any adult aged 18 or over who due to disability, mental function, illness or traumatic circumstances may not be able to take care or protect themselves against the risk of significant harm, abuse, bullying, harassment, mistreatment or exploitation."

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the protection and safeguarding of all adults at risk associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.

In pursuit of this we commit ourselves to the following:-

1. As members of this church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
2. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults at risk and report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
3. We are dedicated in the pastoral care and support of those who have experienced abuse.
4. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with adults at risk.
5. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
6. The church will adopt The Hub Beeding Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Adults at Risk based on "Safe To Belong" produced and published by Baptist Union of Great Britain in 2015.
7. Each person who works with adults at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

Responsible people

The church has appointed *Richard Jackson* as the Safeguarding Trustee to:

- oversee and monitor implementation of the policy and procedures on behalf of the church's charity trustee

The church has appointed *Debbie Wood* as the Designated Person for Safeguarding of Adults at Risk to:

- advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of adults at risk
- take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

Signed _____ Safeguarding Trustee

A copy of the policy statement will be displayed on the noticeboard in The Hub welcome area.