

Papworth Team Ministry

Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Papworth Team Ministry is committed to living out the practices advocated by and responsibilities outlined in the Church of England's House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance, 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

The Team Council for the Papworth Team Ministry affirms the role of all 15 PCCs together with the Team Rector in their duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in our church communities and associated with activities or events we sponsor.

The Team Council has endorsed the establishment of a Safeguarding Core Group for the Team Ministry comprising the Team Rector with the 4 Parish Safeguarding Officers to work with the PCCs; and, when necessary, in between Team Council meetings to exercise delegated powers to update policy and procedures in line with best practice.

The Team Council is committed to the practice of 'Safer Recruitment' when appointing those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults in all parishes in the Team Ministry.

The Team Council will receive reports and monitor progress towards ensuring all church officers in the Team Ministry are aware of the safeguarding policy and guidance; and are trained for their roles.

The Safeguarding Core Group asks all PCCs in the PTM:

- to receive a visit and report from their Parish Safeguarding Officer at least once per annum,
- that safeguarding is a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting,
- to provide an annual report in relation to safeguarding at the APCM, including a statement reporting on progress and whether or not the PCC has complied with its duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

The Team Office has provided each PCC with information that is to be displayed and easily accessible about how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers, their Parish Safeguarding Officer; and how to get help outside the church with child and adult safeguarding issues.

The Team website (www.papworthteamchurches.org) shows details for each parish, and on each parish's page, contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

The Papworth Team Ministry has in place for each and all parishes in the Team Ministry, procedures:

- to deal promptly with safeguarding allegations or suspicion of abuse,

- to report all safeguarding concerns or allegations to the Parish Safeguarding Officer,
- to ensure all known offenders or others who may pose a risk to children and/or vulnerable adults are effectively managed and monitored in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser,
- to comply with all data protection legislation especially in regard to using and storing information about church officers and any safeguarding records,
- to ensure an 'activity risk assessment' is completed and reviewed regularly for each activity which is associated with either children or vulnerable adults and run in the name of the parish church or the Team Ministry.

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Team Rector

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