

Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Children and Adults

The Peterborough Diocese has adopted the Principles of the House of Bishop's
Policy for Safeguarding Children and Adults

Preamble

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as having the Holy Spirit within them and therefore to protect them from harm

Principles

We are committed to:-

- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults, care and nurture of the children within our church communities.
- The care nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, children, young people and adults
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

POLICY

- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggest that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosure and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to proper authorities, of any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- We will follow statute, guidance and recognized good practice