

POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING: FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The following statement was agreed by the leadership and Trustees of Neighbourhood Church Beckenham on: 25.01.21.

- As a place of worship and an organisation we are committed to the safeguarding of children and adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk of harm and abuse and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect of children and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of all people (children and adults) and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of Neighbourhood Church Beckenham.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing harm.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults
- Ensuring that as a place of worship and an organisation all workers will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work of safeguarding
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that all members abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by Neighbourhood Church Beckenham.
- Supporting all at Neighbourhood Church Beckenham affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Church Beckenham.

Lesley Nunes Safeguarding Co-ordinator for Children
Sarah Moss Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator for Children
Miranda Thomas Safeguarding Co-ordinator for Adults
Roy Nunes Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator for Adults

A copy of Neighbourhood Church Beckenham's policy can be seen at the building and can be requested from the pastors or co-ordinators named above through our email (hello@neighbourhoodchurch.org).

Signed by the Senior Pastor and Head of Trustees on behalf of the leadership team.

Signed	<i>Simon Lang</i>	<i>Roy Nunes</i>
	Simon Lang Senior Pastor	Roy Nunes Head of Trustees
Date	25.01.21	

Electronic signatures have been added- actual signed copy is on display at NCB

This Policy Statement on Safeguarding has been adapted from a sample Policy Statement from thirtyone:eight.