



Pantygwydr Baptist Church

Safeguarding Policy – Adults at Risk

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Adult Safeguarding

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Policy Statement on Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Pantygydr Baptist Church

Pantgygydr Baptist Church will be referred to as “the church” in the Policy.

The purpose of the church is to evangelize our community and beyond, to

encourage people to become more Christ-like through discipleship. We are committed to meeting the needs of those inside and outside our walls through ministry. We value fellowship and will come before the Lord in obedience to worship Him.

In fulfilling this purpose, the church:

- has a programme of activities which may be attended by adults at risk;
- welcomes all people into the life of our community;
- makes our premises available to organisations working with adults at risk.

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of all people associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.

The church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all adults at risk. An adult at risk is defined as

“Any adult aged 18 or over who due to disability, mental function, age, 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.”

Some of these circumstances may include:

- Learning, sensory or physical disability
- Old age and frailty (especially if the person needs help from others)
- Mental health problems
- Dementia or confusion
- Illness
- Addiction or dependence on alcohol, drugs or medication
- Bereavement
- Past abuse or trauma
- English / Welsh is not their first language

In pursuit of this we commit ourselves to the following policy points, and associated procedures to ensure their implementation.

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. The church adopts the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, outlined in Safe to Belong.**
- 3. It is the responsibility of each of us to do our best to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.**
- 4. We are dedicated to providing pastoral care and support to those who have experienced abuse.**
- 5. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with adults at risk.**
- 6. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.**
- 7. Each person who works with adults at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.**

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Responsible people

A member of the diaconate will be appointed as a dedicated Safeguarding Trustee. The church will also appoint one male and one female Designated Person for Safeguarding.

The church has appointed **Rachel Doody** as the Safeguarding Trustee to oversee and monitor implementation of the policy and procedures on behalf of the church's charity trustees.

The church has appointed **Helen Freeman** and **Alan Bilton** as the Designated Persons for Safeguarding to:

- Advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and young people;
- Take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

Pastoral care

The Church will ensure that in cases where abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected, appropriate pastoral care is provided (either from within the Church or externally) for the alleged victim(s), their families and/or alleged

abuser(s). **Availability of policy and procedures**

The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed at least annually. A copy of the policy statement will be displayed permanently in the Church Foyer.

Each worker with Adults at Risk, whether paid or voluntary will be given a full copy of the policy and relevant procedures and will be required to follow them.

A full copy of the policy and procedures will be made available on request to any member of the church, the parents or carers of any child or young person from the church or any other person associated with the church.

The policy statement will be read annually at the first church meeting of the Autumn Term, together with any outcomes of the annual review.

Signed (Church Secretary):

Date: (Review Date: November 2022)