



Safeguarding Policy Statement

For Bentley Baptist Church and Renew127 Centre

Revised February 2018



Our Safeguarding Policy

The vision of Bentley Baptist Church is to recognise the importance of its ministry/work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and takes responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to its care.

This policy applies to all Church Leadership, members, paid staff, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of Bentley Baptist Church including Renew127 Centre.

All church attendees & workers in Renew127 Centre have a part to play and should be alert to situations where children/young people and vulnerable adults are at risk.

Information will be placed throughout the church building/ meeting rooms and 127 Centre giving details of who to contact if there are any concerns about the welfare of a child/young person or vulnerable adult.

The Policy and Procedures will be made available on the Bentley Baptist Website.

This church believes that a child/young person or adult entrusted to its care should never experience abuse of any kind and we will work to promote the welfare of all to keep them safe.

This church is committed to the safeguarding of children and young people, to ensure their well-being in compliance with the Governments inter-agency statutory guidance 'Working Together to safeguard children' March 2015 and CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards.

This Church is committed to following the 'No Secrets' guidance for adult safeguarding (updated January 2015)

Legal Framework:

- Children Act 1989 updated 2004
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (HM Government 2015)

- No Secrets guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse (DOH 2000)
- Safeguarding Adults Care Act 2014
- CCPAS Safe and Secure

This policy should be read alongside our policies and procedures on:

- Recruitment and training
- Role of the designated Safeguarding Officer and Deputy
- Dealing with disclosures and concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- Managing allegations against staff and volunteers
- Code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Recording and sharing of information
- Safer recruitment
- E-safety
- Anti-bullying
- Complaints
- Training, supervision and support

We are Specifically Committed to:

- Supporting the designated Safeguarding Person and Deputy within the church
- Supporting the Minister and Trustees of the church in their responsibilities to adopt and implement the church's safeguarding policy.
- Ensuring appropriate pastoral support is provided in the context of any safeguarding investigation
- We commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all; especially children, young people and Vulnerable Adults and to ensure they are not treated less favourably than others with regard to gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or beliefs.
- We accept that the responsibility of each one of us is to prevent all forms of abuse of children, young people and all who attend our church wherever possible and to report any abuse discovered or suspected. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults, whether paid or working on a voluntary basis and to ensure where appropriate, they are DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.



- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults and to provide appropriate supervision.
- The church is committed to following current UK legislation and implementing the requirements of government guidance in regard to people with disabilities.
- The policy will be reviewed, approved and endorsed by The Church Leadership annually or when legislation changes and will be communicated to Church Members at least yearly
- We commit to supporting the safeguarding designated people in their work and in any action, they may need to take in order to protect children/vulnerable adults.

We recognise:

- The welfare of the child/person is paramount
- Some children/people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experience
- We need to provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, vulnerable adults, congregation, staff and volunteers by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- Using our safeguarding procedures, we will share concerns with relevant agencies that need to know.
- Children's Social Services (or equivalent), Local Authority Designated Officer LADO and Police have lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a vulnerable adult.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

Contact details:

Designated Safeguarding Officer
Gill Beams

Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Minister
Vacant
Elders Graham Simpson, Ruth Bellerby, Jennifer Stephenson
David Miller



Address Bentley Baptist Church
Askern Road
Bentley
Doncaster
DN5 0EW

Tel No: 01302 876401

Renew127 Centre
127 Askern Road
Bentley
Doncaster
DN5 0JH

Website: www.bbcdoncaster.co.uk

Email admin@bbcdoncaster.co.uk

Charitable status: Churches are regarded as 'excepted charities' under section 3 (5) of the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006 do not have a charity number at all, and should quote the Charities Act above

Regulators details: BAPTIST UNION,
Baptist House
PO BOX 44
129 Broadway
Didcot
OX11 8RT
Tel: 01235 517700

Insurance: Public Liability Insurance with Baptist Insurance

OTHER USEFUL ADDRESSES

Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)

PO BOX 133,
Swanley,
Kent,
BR8 7UQ
Tel: 01322 517817
0845 120 45 50
info@ccpas.co.uk



Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

During office hours 8.30 to 17.30 Mon to Friday

Civic Office
Waterdale
Doncaster
DN1 3BU

Doncaster Childrens Services Trust

01302 734100 08.30 to 17.30

Email: childrenassessmentservice@doncaster.gcsx.gov.uk

Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board

Wellbeck Room
Mary Woollett Centre
Danum Road
Doncaster
DN4 5HP
01302 734747
Email: dscb@doncaster.gov.uk

Childline (Service provided by NSPCC)

Weston House
42 Curtain Road
London EC2A 3NH

Helpline for children : 0800 11 11 (open 24 hours)

National free helpline for children in trouble or worried. The 0800 number is specifically for children's use. They will offer advice and direct help and can act if the child requests practical help.

NSPC 0808 800 5000

Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
Contact through Childline as above
CEOP is part of the National Crime Agency (NCA)
CEOP online <http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Adult Safeguarding

To Report an adult at risk or if you are an adult at risk yourself
01302 737391

Doncaster Adult Contact Team 01302 737391
Email: adultcontactteam@doncaster.gov.uk



Out of office hours for Children and Adult services

Contact the Emergency Social Services Team on 01302 796000

Safeguarding Adults Unit phone 01302 736296

Doncaster Council's Adult Contact Team phone 01302 737391

SMS/text number (for people from the deaf community) 0797 903 1116

OR

South Yorkshire Police:

999 for immediate emergencies

101 for non-emergencies

01142 20 20 20 – SYP Sheffield

Church Protection Policy statement

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on

This policy was last reviewed on2018

Signed:

Safeguarding Officer

Minister /Elders.....