

DIOCESE OF LINCOLN:
The Barton-upon-Humber group of parishes.
Parish of St Mary's Barton

**POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN
AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Please note:

1. In relation to child protection this applies to all parishes whether or not there are any children or youth work groups in the Parishes as it is assumed that some children will attend church from time to time
2. In relation to vulnerable adults the guidance applies to all Parishes
3. Acceptance of the policy/implementation should be minuted.

1. POLICY

The Barton St Mary's PCC has adopted :-

1.1. *Protecting all God's children edition 4* House of Bishops' 2010 the Child Protection Policy for the Church of England

1.2. *Promoting a safe church* House of Bishops' 2006 the policy for safeguarding adults in the Church of England

A copy of the full relevant policy is obtainable on the Diocese of Lincoln's website <http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/resources-parishes-ministry/downloadable-forms/safeguarding/>

The policy is summarised at appendix 1 (attached)

2. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

2.1 Supporting families, parents and carers.

It is suggested that vulnerable adult and child protection should be seen within the context of family, parents and carer support. If one supports the family, parents or carer, one supports the vulnerable adult or child or young person. The PCC supports this approach.

2.2. Confidentiality.

The House of Bishops' child protection policy contains (at page 33) guidance on Confidentiality see also appendix 1 of *Promoting a safe church*. While respecting the need for confidentiality it is legally possible, appropriate and highly desirable to disclose relevant information to the public authorities for the sake of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC understands both the need for confidentiality and the requirement to disclose information to protect those who are vulnerable. This should be read in conjunction with Barton St Mary's policy.

2.3. Insurance

The House of Bishops' Policy *Protecting all God's children* page 29 gives advice about insurance for those working with children and young people The PCC has reviewed its arrangements in the light of this advice

2.4 Standards in working with children and young people.

It is important that the environment in which children and youth groups meet is appropriate and safe. Further advice can be found at page 22 onwards (*Protecting all God's children*). The PCC has reviewed its work in the light of this guidance

2.5 Specific work/contact with children.

The PCC has identified the following children and youth work activity where the House of Bishops' policy should apply:-

Specifically

Toddler Time

Choir

Servers

Bell Ringing

Church services specifically involving children eg; Christingle.

Generally

Any Group or event which includes children and young people eg; Activity days, Trips and school visits.

This list is not exhaustive.

2.6 Specific work/contact with Vulnerable Adults.

The PCC has identified the following vulnerable adults activity where the House of Bishops' policy should apply:-

1. Visiting of the housebound and the ill in their homes.

2.7. Support in all these schemes volunteers will be approved, supported and trained in line with the House of Bishops' Policy. The Diocese of Lincoln will make training on child protection available in each deanery. Information on training can be found at the safeguarding section of the Diocese of Lincoln website

2.8 Posters will be displayed which feature ChildLine and Parentline
Copies available via the website www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection

2.9 What to do if you are concerned about a particular child or young person.

Do not keep this to yourself. Share the concern with one of the designated safeguarding officers. The PCC agrees this approach. See further information at <http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-emergency-information/>

2.10. Monitoring arrangements

This policy, strategy, implementation and development will be reviewed annually by the PCC using the monitoring form at Appendix 2

Policy to be reviewed November 2017.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS' POLICY Appendix 2

Diocese of Lincoln child protection and vulnerable adults checklist

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| 1 Has the House of Bishops' Policy been adopted and minuted by the PCC/employing organisation? | Yes |
| 2. Has the PCC/employing organisation identified those posts which gives opportunities for substantial unsupervised contact with children/young people / vulnerable adults on a regular basis? | Yes |
| 3. Have those who have substantial unsupervised contact with children/young people/ vulnerable on a regular basis:- | |
| • Made a declaration/supplied birth certificate? | Yes |
| • Have a job description? | Yes |
| • Provided two references? | Yes |
| • If new applicants, been interviewed? | Yes |
| • Been checked with the DBS? | Yes |
| • Have they access to the House of Bishops' Policy statement | Yes |
| • Are all those who have substantial unsupervised contact with children/young people/ vulnerable adults on a regular basis approved, and their approval minuted by The PCC/employing organisation? | Yes |
| • Have they access to regular supervision? | Yes |
| • Have they access to training agreed by the PCC/employing organisation? child protection awareness training/training in child care/youth work/vulnerable adults | Yes |
| 1. Is adequate insurance in place? | Yes |
| 2. Do all volunteers know who to report matters of concern? | Yes |
| 3. Access to independent advice | |
| • Have children and young people access to independent advice | Yes |
| • Have you displayed a Childline/Parentline Poster? | Yes |
| 1. Optional but good practice:- | |
| • Have standards been set by the PCC/employing organisation for Children and youth work and vulnerable adults? | Yes |
| • Do those who have substantial unsupervised contact with children/young people and vulnerable adults on a regular basis receive an annual appraisal? | Yes |
| • Have you registered your children's and youth workers with the Diocese? | Yes |
| • Does the PCC/employing organisation receive a regular report on the work of the authorised groups? Does the PCC/employing organisation make regular inspections that the group is operating to the standard set? | Yes |

SAFEGUARDING **CONTACTS**

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Emergency contacts

Police can be contacted by dialling 101 wherever you are calling from

North Lincolnshire

Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 1AB

Adult Social Services: 01724 297979

Children's Services: 01724 296500

Out of hours emergencies:

General: 01724 276444

Adult Social Services: 01724 297979

Children's Services: 01724 296555

LADO (local authority designated officer): 01724 298293