



# Policy for Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding

Parish of St Paul's in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans

## Summary

In order to bring into focus those people for whom the Church should have a particular care this working definition from the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Promoting a Safe Church 2006) may be helpful:

**"Any adult aged 18 or over who, by reason of mental or other disability, age, illness or other situation is permanently or for the time being unable to take care of him or herself, or to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation" (p2).**

- We adopt the parish model policy items as follows:
- We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

## Useful contacts

### Age UK

Offering advice and support for those in the later stages of life.

0800 678 1174 [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

### Action on Elder Abuse

Advice line to assist reporting elder abuse

0808 80 88141 [www.elderabuse.org.uk](http://www.elderabuse.org.uk)

### Care Quality Commission

### Mind

Provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem, they campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

020 8519 2122 [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

### Restored

An international Christian alliance working to transform relationships and end violence against women.

020 8943 7706      [www.restoredrelationships.org](http://www.restoredrelationships.org)

**Victim Support**

Support victims of crime

0808 168 9111      [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

**National Autistic Society**

Supporting people and families living with autism.

0808 800 4104      [www.autism.org](http://www.autism.org)

**National Customer Service Centre**

They monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety and publish what they find, including performance ratings to help people choose care.

03000 616161      [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)

**Prospects**

Lead Christian organisation for people with learning difficulties.

0118 950 8781      [info@prospects.org.uk](mailto:info@prospects.org.uk)

**Through the Roof**

Equipping churches to provide opportunities to those with disabilities.

01372 737040      [www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org)

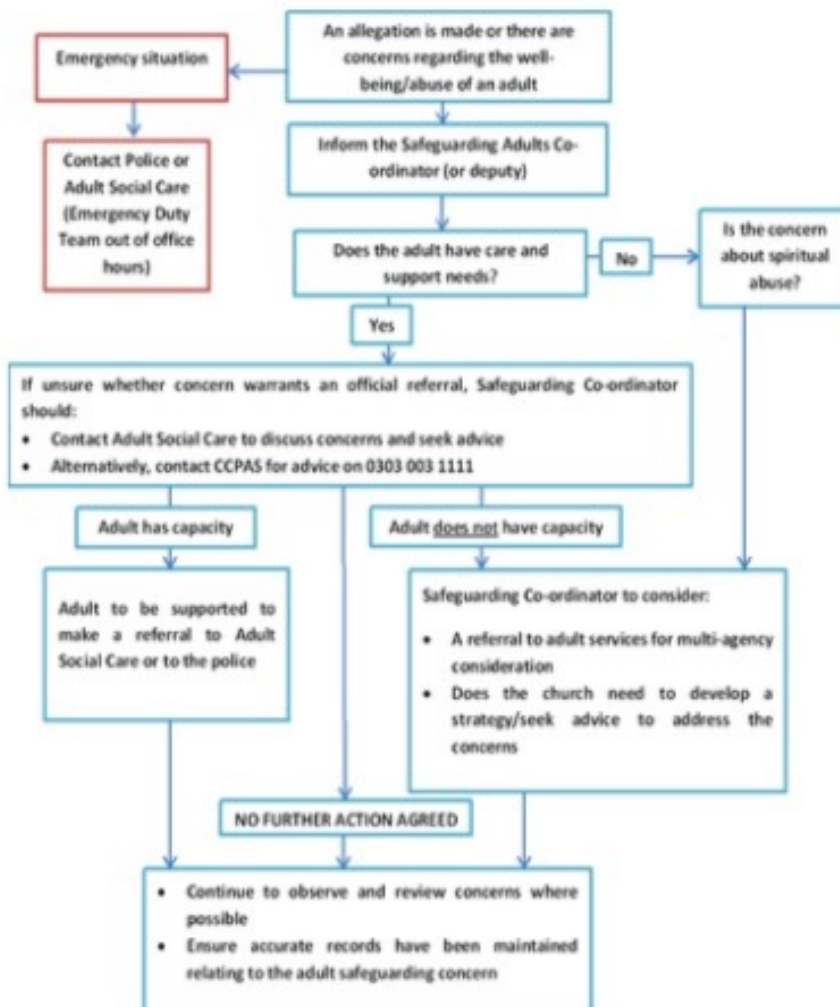
# Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Coordinators Action Flow chart

This is not a substitute for a formal policy.

## Flowchart for Action Adults at risk



This flow chart provides an overview of action to be taken when concerned about the welfare of an adult at risk. It is to be used in conjunction with written procedures.



"The legal definition says that someone who lacks capacity cannot, due to an illness or disability such as a mental health problem, dementia or a learning disability, do the following:

- understand information given to them to make a particular decision
- retain that information long enough to be able to make the decision
- use or weigh up the information to make the decision
- communicate their decision.

©Thirtyone:eight 2018 Flowchart for Action Adults at Risk

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO):

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**Review**

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting held on 4th June 2020.

Signed Incumbent .....

Church Warden .....