

Safeguarding Committee

Permanent committee of the PCC

Aim

To provide a safe environment for all

Objectives:

1. To safeguard children and vulnerable adults.
2. To review and implement all safeguarding and protection policies.
3. To ensure all volunteers are recruited using safe practice guidelines.

Responsibilities

This Committee shall undertake the following tasks:

1. Ensure risk assessments are completed, checked and implemented for all activities.
2. Provide procedures for safely recruiting volunteers in all aspects of church life (for example DBS, references, role descriptions etc)
3. Make referrals to Social Services and/or the Police and follow up with the required paperwork.
4. Keep the Diocese informed of any referrals that have been made.
5. Monitor and review, and if necessary, update all safeguarding and protection policies in time for distribution and discussion/sign off at the 1st PCC meeting following the APCM.
6. Keep ourselves up to date with Bromley's and the London Council's safeguarding and protection procedures for children and vulnerable adults, as well as anything coming from the House of Bishops and/or the Diocese of Rochester.
7. Provide adequate training in safeguarding and protection matters by using external and internal providers to all our volunteers.
8. Raise awareness of the safeguarding/protection policies and members of the Safeguarding Team within St Marys.
9. Share and appropriately act upon information (confidentiality).

Financial responsibilities

We will need to be allocated money in order to provide training.

Membership

The personnel on this committee are:

1. Chair - Rachel Archer
2. Child Protection Officer - Anthia Page
3. Adult Protection Officer - Sharon Ibbotson
4. Risk Assessment Officer - Peter Fall
5. DBS Officer - Anne Yolland

6. Pastoral Care Officer - George Eke

Members were recruited by the PCC.

Meeting arrangements

- This Committee will meet every 2 months.
- Confidential minutes will be taken with action points and circulated to members of the Safeguarding Committee.
- A report will be submitted to every PCC meeting highlighting any decisions that need to be taken. This will be done by the Chair.
- If an adult protection or a child protection matter arises the committee will meet as and when required to do so.
- Meetings will be held at 102 Queen Anne Ave.