



SUMMARY OF THE POLICY FOR THE CHAPLAINCY OF AQUITAINE ON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

- We are committed to respectful pastoral ministry to all adults within our church community.
- We are committed, within our church community, to the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any pastoral responsibility within the Church, including the use of Criminal Records Bureau disclosures where legal or appropriate.
- We will respond without delay to any complaints made that an adult for whom they were responsible has been harmed, cooperating with police and the local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL

The Chaplaincy Council together with the Chaplain carries a duty of care for the safety of those who attend or use the church.

A policy about the safeguarding of vulnerable people should be presented to the Chaplaincy Council for adoption and be reaffirmed at least annually. This policy should be the concern of the whole congregation.

It is recommended that Janis Adams be appointed by the Council as Safeguarding Officer to act as the key person to speak on behalf of vulnerable people both within the congregation and to outside bodies.

A Confidential Declaration form should be completed by anyone wishing to work with children or vulnerable people. Please contact the Safeguarding Officer for further details.