

A policy statement on the safeguarding of adults
(Recommended by the Diocese of Gloucester for parish use)

This statement was adopted by the Parish of St Andrew and St Bartholomew, Churchdown at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 9TH January 2017.

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress that has been made.

1. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. 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 suspected or confirmed abuse.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work among people who may be vulnerable.
9. This policy will be reviewed once a year.
10. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese, based on the Home Office/DoH guidance *No Secrets*.
11. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Diana Porter to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent

Churchwarden

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Date