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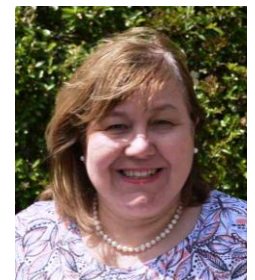
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## POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS WITH CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS (\*)

This policy will be presented each year to the Annual Church Meeting alongside the corresponding statement on safeguarding children and young people. The Church's Pastoral Team has been given responsibility for monitoring progress in carrying out this policy.

1. As members of this church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of adults with care and support needs and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
2. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults with care and support needs and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
3. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with adults with care and support needs
4. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training, where appropriate, those who undertake this work.
5. The church adopts the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain published in Safe To Belong (BUGB 2006).
6. Each person who works with adults with care and support needs will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church has appointed **Petra Meeson** to represent the concerns and views of adults with care and support needs at our meetings and to outside bodies.



**This statement was first adopted at a church meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and updated in November 2016.**

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(\*) An adult with care and support needs is someone '...who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.' (1997, The Lord Chancellor's Department). An adult with care and support needs may also have special needs because of:

- Sensory or physical disability or impairment
- A learning disability
- A physical illness
- A mental illness (including dementia), severe and enduring or otherwise
- An addiction to drugs or alcohol
- A significant reduction in physical or mental or emotional capacity
- Ageing
- Becoming unable, for whatever reason, to protect him/herself from significant harm or exploitation.

