

Policy Statement - Safeguarding of Adults at risk of abuse

The Parish of Sutton with Seaford adopted this statement at a PCC meeting on 26th January 2016

This policy will be reviewed annually by the PCC and a report given to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by the parish representative in order that the policy might be monitored.

- We recognise that everyone is at different levels of risk of abuse and neglect, and that each of us may be regarded as at risk 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 at risk of abuse, 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 at risk of abuse.
- It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, financial, sexual, institutional and spiritual abuse of people who may be at risk of any of these, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be at risk of abuse.
- The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- Each person who works with people who may be at risk of abuse, will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.
- **We will cooperate fully with statutory agencies during any investigations concerning a member of the church community.**

This church appoints Tony Lees, Bob Carrington, Connie Hughes and Ruth Saunders to represent the concerns and views of people at risk of abuse at our meetings and to outside bodies.

We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to the DBS, are up to date. Our Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) validator and Safeguarding Co-ordinator is:

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Signed : Parish Priest/~~Incumbent~~: Paul Owen Date 26th January 2016

Signed : Churchwarden: Fred BassDate 26th January 2016

Signed : Churchwarden: Bob Carrington.....Date 26th January 2016

A copy of this statement is to be displayed in the church and a copy sent to the Bishop’s Adviser for Safeguarding Children and Adults.