

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

Each person who works or volunteers within GTCC will agree to abide by these recommendations and the relevant procedures established by GTCC

The following person is the named Safeguarding Officer:

Rev Noelle Coe

The application of this policy will be reviewed each year and a report provided by the Safeguarding Officer to the GTCC Trustees

We believe that every person has a value and dignity which Christians see as coming directly from the creation of human beings in God's own image and likeness. This implies that, among other things, there is a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

We will endeavour to safeguard children, young people and adults we encounter by:

- Carefully selecting and training those with responsibility within GTCC's operations in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- Supporting, resourcing and training our staff and volunteers
- Encouraging safe, caring environments within each of the activities undertaken by GTCC and developing within them a culture of informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- Responding appropriately to evidence of physical, emotional, sexual, financial, organisational and spiritual abuse of those encountered in our work
- Responding without delay to any complaints made concerning GTCC's activities, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- Committing ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust
- Offering pastoral care and support to any member of our organisation should they be known or alleged to have offended against a child, young person or adult

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