

## **Important Telephone Numbers**

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### **The Community Church**

#### **Child Protection Coordinator**

name Neil Beckett  
position Youth and Community Worker  
tel 07720 448 376

#### **Deputy Child Protection Coordinator**

name Debbie Quy  
position Pastoral Care Coordinator  
tel 020 8391 1100

#### **Social Services Child Protection Team**

tel 020 8547 5888

the Emergency Duty Social Worker can be contacted during Out of Office Hours on

tel 020 8770 5000

#### **Police Child Protection Team**

tel 020 8247 7843

#### **Useful Helplines for Advice**

CCPAS (Churches Child Protection Advisory Service)

0845 120 45 50

Childline 0800 1111 (for children)

NSPCC 0800 800 500

# **Child Protection**

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## **A Summary of The Community Church Policy**

## **Introduction**

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This leaflet will hopefully give you a basic understanding of The Community Church Child Protection Policy. It is not a replacement for The Community Churches Child Protection Policy. It is just a summary and is designed to help awareness that the Church is serious about Child Protection.

## **What does the Policy Include**

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Everyone who works for the Church (whether employed or voluntary) is expected to use appropriate behaviour towards all young people and children.

The Church Leadership recognises that many children and young people are the victims of abuse. The Policy sets out agreed guidelines relating to the following areas:

- Responding to allegations of abuse or neglect, including those made against leaders or members of the Church
- Appointing children's/youth volunteers
- Supervision of activities and practical issues
- Responding to Sex Offenders
- Describing the Church's Health & Safety Policy

The Church Leadership recognises the need to build constructive links with the child care agencies. Accordingly, the content of the policy has formed the basis of a seminar for children's volunteers in the Church. The Church Leadership is committed to an on-going training programme for all such volunteers.

## **Child Abuse**

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Child abuse can take the form of neglect, and physical, sexual and emotional abuse. There are guidelines within the policy for the volunteers to follow if they suspect or are informed of any child abuse. These guidelines inform the volunteers on how to respond to the child and what to do with the information.

## **Who oversees Child Protection?**

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Neil Beckett (Youth and Community Worker) is the coordinator for Child Protection. He is nominated by the Church Leadership to act on their behalf in referring all allegations or suspicions of neglect or abuse to the statutory authorities. In the absence of the Co-ordinator, Debbie Quy (Pastoral Care Coordinator) will take responsibility.

## **Reference Guide**

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All youth and children's volunteers are given a Reference Guide to the policy which they are encouraged to keep on them whenever they are working. The guide covers:

- Good working Practice
- Reacting to a child who wants to talk about abuse
- Guidelines for discipline
- Additional Reading
- Important Telephone Numbers