

Southwell Baptist Church Policy on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults

A vulnerable adult 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.

This statement was adopted at a Church Meeting on 9th March 2022

It will be presented each year to the Annual Church Meeting where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

- 1) As members of this Church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults 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 vulnerable adults 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 vulnerable adults.
- 4) The Church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- 5) The Church adopts the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain published in "Safe to Belong."
- 6) Each person who works with vulnerable adults will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Jenny Harris to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable adults at our meetings and to outside bodies.