

CONSETT METHODIST CHURCH

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

THE CHURCH COUNCIL'S

Policy Statement

The Church Council fully supports the current policy and practice of the Methodist Church as it seeks to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care. The guidelines in the Home Office code of practice "Safe from Harm", 1993 and the Methodist Church "Safeguarding" 2004 are seen as a challenge for the church to shoulder its responsibilities in caring for children, young people and vulnerable adults and those who care for them.

In particular :

- ❖ As the people of Consett Methodist Church we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for everyone.
- ❖ We seek to safeguard all members of our church community, of all ages.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- ❖ It is the duty of each person working with children, young people and vulnerable adults to prevent abuse and to report any abuse discovered, disclosed or suspected.

This Policy will be reviewed annually, in September/October and will be amended as necessary to account for improvements and changes based on experience and on advice from The Methodist Church.

Signed:
For and on behalf of the Church Council

Date: