

Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults and Vulnerable people in the Church

This statement was adopted by St Francis of Assisi, Terriers at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 11th July 2019

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable in line with safer recruiting principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese of Oxford
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints [Sarah Wanigasooriya](#) to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.