

### Appendix 3 - Model Policy on the Protection of Adults at Risk

This is a suggested model policy that your church may consider adopting.

#### PROTECTION OF ADULTS AT RISK POLICY

This statement was adopted at a church meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_

It will be presented each year to a church meeting held in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ where progress in putting it into practice will be reviewed.

1. As members of this church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
2. It is the responsibility of each of us to do our best to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
3. We are dedicated to providing pastoral care and support to those who have experienced abuse.
4. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with adults at risk.
5. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
6. The church adopts the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, outlined in *Safe to Belong*.
7. Each person who works with adults at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

The Designated Person(s) for Safeguarding at this church are responsible for representing the concerns and views of adults at risk at our meetings and to outside bodies. They also are the person(s) to contact for any concerns or questions regarding protecting adults at risk. Their details are:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note: If an adult is in imminent danger of harm, you should contact the police or emergency services without delay on 999.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_