



The Greek Orthodox Community of St Barbara the Great Martyr
Charity Number 1144751

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Orthodox Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

As one of its major activities, the Greek Orthodox Church of St Barbara the Great Martyr, seeks to serve the needs of adults, young people and children, promoting their holistic development. In so doing our Church takes seriously the welfare of vulnerable adults, young people and children who come onto its premises or who are involved in its activities.

Our Church aims to ensure that they are welcomed into a caring and safe Christian environment with a friendly and spiritually nurturing atmosphere in Christ. Our Church recognises that it is the responsibility of each one in its community, paid or unpaid, to prevent neglect, physical harm, emotional or sexual abuse of vulnerable adults, young people and children and to report any abuse discovered or suspected. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

Our Church recognises its responsibility to implement, maintain and regularly review policies and procedures which are designed to prevent and to keep each member of its community alert to such abuse.

Our Church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with vulnerable adults, young people and children and providing supervision. Our Church is committed to maintaining transparent links with the statutory child and adult care authorities.

Please refer to our Safeguarding Policy as well as our Health and Safety Policy for further details.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

The Safeguarding Officers of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr are:

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If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please discuss them with a Safeguarding Officer who will advise on the best course of action.