

The Church in Wales Provincial Safeguarding Policy

Garth Ministry Area

THE CHURCH IN WALES THEREFORE WILL:

- recognise the personal dignity and rights of all children and adults as set out in the Human Rights Act 1998 and the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- robustly and consistently implement safeguarding policies procedures and guidance that conform to the current legislative and guidance framework and accepted best practice.
- promote a culture which listens to children and adults at risk.
- properly recruit train and support all those in positions of trust.
- ensure that when concerns are raised, they are taken seriously and dealt with appropriately

Statement of intent

The Church in Wales is committed to fostering an environment where everyone is able to worship and participate in the life of the church in safety.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

All who work for the Church, including clergy, employees, and volunteers, are regarded by the Church in Wales as persons working in positions of trust within the Church and as such are expected to adhere to the safeguarding policy and associated procedures and practice guidance.

www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding

This Policy was accepted by the Garth Ministry Area on 21st June 2023 and is reviewed annually.

Signed: on behalf of the Garth Ministry Area.

For general safeguarding enquiries, please contact:

The **MINISTRY AREA** Safeguarding Officer:

Name: CERI THOMAS Contact: Safeguarding@GarthMA.wales

The **CHURCH** Safeguarding Officer:

Name: CERI THOMAS Contact: Safeguarding@Garthma.wales

To talk to someone about a safeguarding concern, allegation or disclosure, please contact:

The **PROVINCIAL** Safeguarding Officer:

Name: FAY HOWE Contact No: 07840 843 244

fayhowe@churchinwales.org.uk

To report a safeguarding concern, allegation or disclosure to the Provincial Safeguarding Team, please go to: churchinwales.org.uk/en/safeguarding/reporting-safeguarding-concern

- All suspicions, concerns, knowledge, disclosures or allegations of abuse should be reported immediately to the Church in Wales Provincial Safeguarding Team or, in an emergency, to the statutory authorities.
- If you have information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger or requiresurgent medical attention, please call the emergency services on 999 – DO NOT DELAY.
- If you think that a child or adult is at risk of harm but is not in immediate danger, please call the local authority social services department.

CHILDREN: 029 2053 6490 ADULTS: 029 2233 0888 OUT OF HOURS: 029 2078 8570