



Parish Policy Statement for Safeguarding Adults At Risk - 2018

**Parish of Parkstone St Peter with St Osmund and Branksea St Mary
in the Church of England Diocese of Salisbury**

***The following policy, first issued on 29th October 2013,
was reviewed and agreed at the PCC Meeting held on 16th May 2018***

As members of the PCC, we **commit** our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that all adults should be offered respect and given inclusion and empowerment within the church.

We are committed to acting within current **legislation, guidance, national frameworks** and the Diocesan of Salisbury Safeguarding and Good Practice Guidelines.

We are committed to adopt and implement a safeguarding **policy** for adults who are at risk, accepting as a minimum the House of Bishops Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Promoting a Safer Church 2006).

We are committed to **reviewing** our policy annually, and as part of this, to check that our parish safeguarding procedures, including DBS checks, are up-to-date and relevant. We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually, at the **first meeting of the PCC** following APCM, so that new members are aware of their responsibilities and to confirm the existence of the parish policy on safeguarding adults at risk.

We will ensure that all the **necessary checks** are made to promote the safe selection and recruitment of ordained and lay ministers, paid workers and volunteers working with adults. We will provide the necessary supervision, support and training in order for them to undertake their roles effectively, in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued through the Diocese of Salisbury.

We will **respond** without delay to every concern raised that an adult may have been harmed, or be at risk from harm or abuse.

We will endeavour to act in an open, transparent and accountable way, working in **partnership** with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the statutory agencies, and we will not conduct our own investigations.

We will seek to offer informed **pastoral care** to any adult who has suffered abuse and to any member of our church community against whom an allegation is made.

We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have **offended**.

The Parochial Church Council of this parish acknowledges its **responsibility** for all work with adults at risk that is carried out in the name of the Church.

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