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The Longbridge Christadelphian Ecclesial Safeguarding Policy has been created to help all members work together to protect those who are vulnerable.

This leaflet is a summary of the main areas. For a full version of the policy, visit: <http://www.longbridgechristadelphians.org/safeguarding-policy> or look at the copy on the ecclesial noticeboard.



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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults is Everyone's Responsibility



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Everyone should feel safe and protected from fear, violence and abuse. Children and vulnerable adults may be unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves from harm or exploitation.

Abuse can be a single act or it can continue over a long time and may take many different forms.



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What to do now?

If you have concerns about a child's welfare or a vulnerable adults welfare, you can discuss these in confidence with the Longbridge Christadelphians Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL's) who are named on the Ecclesial Noticeboard along with their contact details.



Neglect

- Failure to meet someone's basic physical and/or emotional needs, for example not providing food, hydration, warmth or shelter resulting in impairment of their health and development.
- Poor professional practice, withholding medication or ignoring physical care needs.
- For children, this may mean witnessing domestic abuse; missing hospital appointments and not protecting from danger.

Discrimination abuse

- Comments based on a person's race, gender, age, religion or sexual orientation.

Who is a child?

A child is a person under 18 years of age.

Who is a vulnerable adult?

Anyone over 18 years of age who for any reason is unable to take care of him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.



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Examples of Abuse

Physical Abuse

- Injuring someone by hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking or restraining
- Misuse of medication
- Poisoning, drowning, suffocating and fabricated or induced illness.

Sexual Abuse

- Rape, sexual assault or pressuring someone into sexual acts that they have not consented to, do not understand or feel powerless to refuse.
- Grooming, sexual exploitation or activities that involve watching sexual acts whether or not the child is aware of what is happening.

Financial or material abuse

- Theft, fraud, misuse of property or possessions.

Emotional Abuse

- Humiliation, blaming, controlling, coercion, intimidation, harassment, verbal abuse, or withdrawal of services or support networks.
- Verbal abuse is showing disrespect and verbally or publically humiliating someone.