

Safeguarding Policy Statement



Introduction

Wonderful Me! is all about ensuring that our approach to children and young people in our churches and organisations enables every child to feel welcomed, safe, seen, heard and known - to be included and to flourish in the knowledge that they are each wonderfully made by a loving God.

We offer training, support and resources that equip and enable organisations to journey well with struggling children with a particular focus on inclusive practice, SEND, trauma sensitive practice and understanding challenging behaviour.

Purpose of the safeguarding policy

The purpose of this safeguarding policy is:

- To protect children, young people and adults who receive Wonderful Me! services from harm.
- To provide those we support with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and encourage safer practices.

This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Wonderful Me!

Legislation

This policy statement has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults across the UK. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from nspcc.org.uk/childprotection.

In addition, we would like to reference “[A Safer Church](#)” published by the Church of England. Here you can find details of how you can contact the Church of England’s national safeguarding team and also support from other organisations who specialise in safeguarding and child protection.

We believe that :

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

In Psalm 3:3 we are reminded,

‘For You, Lord, are a shield around me. My glory! The One Who lifts my head high’

This ethos of **protection**, **encouragement** and **empowerment** is at the heart of our safeguarding approach and culture.

We Recognise That :

- The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.
- Working in partnership with other organisations is essential in promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm and abuse.
- Some children, young people and adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Extra safeguards may be needed to keep children and young people who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

Our practice is informed by trauma sensitive 'STEM' values of being Safe, Trustworthy, Empowering and Mutual (Collaborative).

Safe

In our practice, support and training, we follow and champion processes and approaches that enable and encourage both actual and felt safety.

Trustworthy

We prioritise healthy transparency and accountability through our board of directors who meet each term to review and reflect on practice.

Empowering

We seek to operate with a culture of curiosity and wondering - making space to listen to the voices of others and being guides not gurus.

Mutual (Collaborative)

We recognise the importance of clear boundaries around what we are and are not able to deliver and will signpost to other professionals wherever appropriate.

We will seek to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe by :

- Valuing, listening to and respecting every child, young person and vulnerable adult and actively encouraging others to do the same through our training , support and resources.
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our training materials and practice.

- Recording, storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance.
- Sharing and promoting information about safeguarding and good practice with those we work with and support.
- Making sure that those we support and work with know where to go for help if they have a concern.
- Using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know in an appropriate way.
- In all of our support and training with other organisations, encouraging and promoting a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and vulnerable adults are comfortable sharing their concerns.
- Ensuring we are aware of the safeguarding practices of organisations we deliver projects for and know how to share any concerns with them.
We often deliver projects for other organisations. If we ever have any concerns, when working for other organisations, we will follow their safeguarding processes.
- Appointing a safeguarding lead (Lisa Campbell) and a deputy safeguarding lead Kate Dommett

Any safeguarding concerns regarding Wonderful Me! practice can be discussed with our safeguarding leads (contact details listed below)

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually