

Upper Stratton Baptist Church is committed to the safety and welfare of the children and young people with whom we have contact.

If you would like to speak to someone about a child protection issue, or you have a concern about something raised in this policy then please contact our Children's Advocates on 07811485293.

This policy is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure ongoing adherence to it and agreed at every church AGM.

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For more information about our work with children and young people visit us online at: **www.usbc.org.uk**

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Child Protection Policy

Please take a copy

1. As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.

2. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

3. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

4. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or volunteer.

5. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people, and to providing supervision.

6. The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice *Safe From Harm (1993)* and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its publication *Safe To Grow* (revised edition)

7. Each person working with children and young people shall be given a copy of the church's Child Protection Policy Statement and Good Practice Guidelines. They must undertake to read these and observe the recommendations and procedures stated in the documents. Child Protection Training will be offered to each worker and it is expected that this will be undertaken .

8. As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church will appoint two Children's Advocates. Their role will be regularly explained to children and young people and their names and a contact telephone number publicly displayed.

9. All those working with children and young people at the church will be required to obtain an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau and complete an application form. Where the volunteer is not a church member, or a member of less than 6 months they will be asked to supply the names of two referee's and references will be taken up.

10. The church will also appoint a Child Protection Co-ordinator to oversee the implementation of this policy.