Manchester Vineyard

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Children and Adults with care and support needs

Last Updated: June 2024

Manchester Vineyard in all its ministries is committed to providing a safe and trusted environment for everyone who comes into contact with the church, including children and adults with care and support needs, and ensuring their well-being.

- We prioritise safeguarding, recognizing that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children and adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of both children and adults with care and support needs and will ensure that our policies and procedures reflect this
- We believe all adults with care and support needs and children should enjoy appropriate access to the life and ministries of Manchester Vineyard where safe to do so
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs
- We believe everyone should be valued and feel safe. We want to make sure that all children and adults with care and support needs involved in the life of Manchester Vineyard know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

We are committed to:

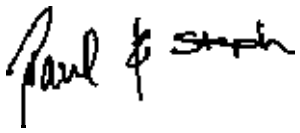
- Following statutory guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and Manchester Vineyard will ensure that as a place of worship/organisation all workers (paid and unpaid) will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding by working in partnership with Thirty one: eight and other organisations.
- Encouraging everyone to embrace and abide by the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Supporting all those involved in the life of Manchester Vineyard affected by abuse.

We recognise that:

- Children's Social Care Services has the lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are the required level of concerns about a child.
- Adult Social CareServices has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are the required level of concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed, the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency
- Safeguarding is everyone's' responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or an adult with care and support needs, you can fill out our concerns form [Here], speak to one of the ministry pastors or the Safeguarding Coordinator At Manchester Vineyard.



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A copy of the safeguarding policy can be made available by emailing our Safeguarding Lead, safeguarding@manchestervineyard.org