

SNU Safeguarding Roles

Role of National Executive Committee

The NEC as trustees have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the charity fulfils its safeguarding duties across the Union. The NEC agrees the safeguarding policy and makes sure it is implemented. Each trustee should make sure that the charity fulfils its safeguarding responsibilities

Role of Central Safeguarding Team

Remit

To co-ordinate and lead safeguarding policy and implementation across the SNU, updating as and when needed
To implement the agreed safeguarding plan
To agree the training matrix identifying training provision for different roles and implement
To act as a resource and source of information.
To liaise and communicate with all of the SNU
To implement DBS checks
To maintain a secure central database
To make an annual report to the trustees

Membership

General Managers of Head Office and AFC
Head of Governance
Church Relations Co-ordinator
VPS
A member of the Ministry

Role of District Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Introduction

The District Safeguarding Coordinator is appointed by NEC from members of the Ministry recommended by MDC
All Coordinators will have undertaken Safeguarding lead training provided by 31:8

The Role

To be an advocate for safeguarding within the District
To provide support and guidance to Churches and individuals on safeguarding
To ensure that any disclosures or allegations are written down and referred as appropriate in a timely manner
To support Churches on taking appropriate action on dealing with those who pose a risk
To ensure pastoral care is made available to those affected by abuse
To keep written records in a secure place of safeguarding advice given and any actions taken
To maintain confidentiality
To keep up to date with safeguarding issues

Role of the Church Committee

The Church committee as trustees have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the church as a charity fulfils its safeguarding duties. The committee must make sure that the SNU safeguarding policy is implemented. Each trustee should make sure that the charity fulfils its safeguarding responsibilities.

The Church committee must appoint a lead trustee for safeguarding.

The Church committee should watch the SNU film "Introduction to Safeguarding"

The Church committee should discuss and implement the Church Safeguarding Commitment

Role of the Church Lead Trustee

Introduction

The Church lead trustee should undertake basic safeguarding training i.e. the 31:8 Gateway training or equivalent.

The Role

To raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding in committee and the Church

To ensure that the SNU safeguarding poster is displayed with the appropriate local contact numbers added in

To ensure that the Church committee take SNU Induction training on safeguarding

Discuss the Church Safeguarding Commitment in committee

Liaise with the District Safeguarding Co-ordinator and report progress on implementation of the Church safeguarding commitment

To ensure that any safeguarding matters raised are taken seriously and dealt with promptly, confidentially and referred on appropriately

To produce an annual safeguarding report for the trustees report