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Safeguarding Policy Statement

The following statement has been agreed by the leadership of ArtServe

ArtServe is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk, and to ensuring their well-being.

- ❖ We believe that all children and adults at risk should know that they are valued within the church and safely enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of our organisation.
- ❖ We respect the personal dignity and rights of children and adults at risk (for example, as set out in the Human Rights Act 1989 and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and will ensure that our policies and procedures reflect this.
- ❖ We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children under 18 years of age.
- ❖ We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, financial, discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults at risk.
- ❖ We recognise that domestic abuse affects both adults and children and believe that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and inconsistent with a Christian way of living.
- ❖ We recognise that E-safety affects both adults and children and will endeavour to prevent any exploitation or abuse on our organisation's multi-media and internet pages.
- ❖ We will report any abuse of children or adults at risk that we discover or suspect in consultation with the leadership of the building/centre where we are meeting.
- ❖ Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed, the police will be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- ❖ We recognise that Children's Services has responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child, and that Adult Services do so for adults at risk.
- ❖ We acknowledge that Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) or the equivalent in Scotland and Wales have responsibility for dealing with all allegations and concerns about people working with children, whether paid or voluntary workers, lay or ordained.
- ❖ We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone who is involved in the leadership of ArtServe.

We are committed to:

- ❖ The establishment of a loving environment, which is safe and caring, and where there is an informed vigilance about the dangers of abuse.
- ❖ Following the relevant legislation, statutory, denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk.
- ❖ Ensuring that we keep up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- ❖ Building constructive links with those responsible for the building/centre we are meeting in and also the relevant Voluntary and Statutory Authorities.
- ❖ Taking all reasonable steps to ensure that as a Christian organisation, everyone works within the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- ❖ Supporting the Safeguarding Coordinator and Deputy in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children and adults at risk.
- ❖ Ensuring that the children and adults we have contact with know that they are valued and feel empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
- ❖ Reporting any abuse of children or adults at risk that we discover or suspect, adhering to the policies that are in place in the building where our activities are taking place.
- ❖ If an assessment is made that someone poses an unmanageable risk to those in need of protection and could not safely attend our activities, we will signpost them to appropriate agencies for support.

This policy will be reviewed and updated every two years or whenever there are changes in legislation that make it necessary.

Name: (on behalf of the ArtServe Board)

Signed: *R. Millar* (Chair)

Signed *Allison Lewis* (Safeguarding Officer)

Date *17 th May 2021*