



## Stockwood Free Church (Baptist)

### Policy Statement on Children, Young People, Vulnerable Adults and the Church

**We acknowledge that children, young people and vulnerable adults are part of our church today. They have much to give as well as to receive. We will listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning and in community life, we will respect their wishes and feelings.**

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults, whether paid or volunteer.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and to providing supervision.
- The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice *Safe from Harm* and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its booklet *Safe to Grow*.
- Each worker with children, young people and vulnerable adults must know the recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults, the church has appointed:



Yvonne Nichols  
07549-452 443  
Child Protection Officer



Roz Wakefield  
07929-617 358  
Children's Advocate



Barbara Reeve  
01275-839 109  
Independent Advocate

*This statement was revised at the Church Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007.  
It will be re-affirmed annually at Church's Annual General Meeting*