

SCGP Statement on the Safeguarding of Adults

South Central Gospel Partnership 'SCGP' (incorporating Ministry Training Course)

This statement was adopted by the SCGP Trustees at their meeting held on 12 February 2026.

This statement will be reviewed each year.

- We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- We commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom SCGP ministers.
- We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being through any and all interactions SCGP may have with them.
- We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- We commit SCGP to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- SCGP is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- We will seek out and adopt best practice guidelines.
- Each person who works on our behalf with vulnerable or potentially vulnerable people will agree to abide by this statement and the guidelines we establish.

We appoint Lizzie Ling to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies. She may be contacted in confidence at St Ebbe's Church, Pennyfarthing Place, Oxford OX1 1QF/01865 240438 or by her email lizzie.ling@stebbes.org.

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