

HOPE CHURCH SITTINGBOURNE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT



Hope Church Sittingbourne (HCS) is a church plant from Cornerstone City Church, Medway (CCC). Until HCS forms its own legal charitable status all legal and trust issues (such as insurance and safeguarding) are outworked within the overarching policies and procedures of CCC and its respective Management Team (elders & trustees).

HCS are committed to upholding and promoting the well-being and wholeness of children and young people. We recognise that Child Protection is everybody's responsibility and therefore we are committed to:

- Listening to and relating effectively with children and young people or vulnerable adults.
- Ensuring their protection within church activities.
- Encouraging and supporting parents / carers.
- Ensuring that children's / youth leaders are given proper support and training.
- Following the agreed procedures and following statutory and specialist guidelines.
- Establishing links with the statutory childcare authorities and other relevant organisations.

If anyone has any concerns in relation to any Child Protection matter they should speak to our Safeguarding Officer.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Natalie Watson



CONTACT

07834 683261

A copy of the full CCC Child Protection Policy is available upon request.

SIGNED BY SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

SIGNED BY CHURCH OVERSIGHT

Adam Voke
Lead elder @ CCC

Julian Perry
CCC Elder & Chair of Trustees

DATE SIGNED

The trustees of Cornerstone City Church recognise the need to build constructive links with local Child Care Agencies. Accordingly, these guidelines have been prepared using guidelines from ThirtyOne:Eight (formerly Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) and other local agencies.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Swale Childrens Services	03000 421136
Kent Police	101
ThirtyOne:Eight (CCPAS)	0303 003 1111
NSPCC – Child Protection Help line	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111