

Open Door Centre Policy 03	Safeguarding guidelines
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1 Background

1.1 The John Trotter Trust is the Registered Charity for the Open Door Centre [Charity Registration No: 1141414]. The Centre is at the heart of the community outreach of Christ Church Barnet [CCB]. Where relevant, the Trust’s policies reflect those of CCB.

2 Declaration

2.1 Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God’s own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God’s re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- i. We accept and endorse the principles of the House of Bishops’ Policy for safeguarding children, young people and adults. (Promoting a Safer Church – Safeguarding policy statement for children, young people and adults 2017) This document can be consulted at: www.churchofengland/safeguarding.
- ii. We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- iii. We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole John Trotter Trust community. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in a paid or voluntary position with children, young people or adults at risk, including the use of the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- iv. We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child, **young person** or adult at risk may have been harmed. **We will report these concerns to the Charity Commission and cooperate fully with the police and social care services in any investigation.**
- v. We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

This Policy was agreed by the Trustees of the John Trotter Trust at their meeting on 15 May 2019	
Date of next review of this policy	May 2020
Queries about this policy should be directed to	Centre Safeguarding Officer: Helen Hampson

Signed David Parry – Chair of Trustees

