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The Parish of St. Paul's Church, Branxton

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This statement was adopted by St. Paul's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 29th April 2019.

As members of this Parish we commit ourselves to care for one another safely.

We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- the Safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- recruit safely following the recognised procedures
- supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse. We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Val Carr as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and also as the DBS Administrator.

This policy is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting

Incumbent: *G.P. Kelly*, 29.4.19
Churchwardens: *Paula Widdell* 29/4/19
..... *Val Carr* 29.4.19