

Appendix A

Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of St Mary-the-Virgin Dover

Benefice of Dover Town

This parochial church council has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them

We have appointed *MRS TRISH SIMMONS* Tel: *01304-205291*,
as the **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and Disclosures Officer**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd May 2018

Signed  (Parish Priest) Date 22nd May 2018

Signed  (Churchwardens) Date 22nd May 2018

Any child wishing to talk about a problem can contact Childline on 0800 1111

Any parent or carer wishing to talk about parenting problems can contact Family Lives on 0808 800 2222

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is available to speak with adults or children.