

Good Practice for those involved in

New Places For New People (NPNP)

The following list is a guide for your work on governance and safeguarding in your context.

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

* Which trustee body holds responsibility for this NPNP, e.g. in terms of safeguarding, District/Circuit meeting/church council/other?
* How are you ensuring safe practice in regard to funding and finances?
* How are decisions and appointments made?
* How will you meet the criteria for data protection and GDPR (including use of photography and video recordings)?

CREATING SAFE SPACES

* Who is the designated safeguarding lead for the NPNP?
* What roles in the NPNP require a DBS check?
* Which roles need to complete Foundation/Advanced Safeguarding training?
* Are you aware of the impact of abuse, and good practice in responding well to survivors of abuse?
* Do people know how to respond to a safeguarding complaint, and the process for making a referral if necessary?
* How will you enable good practice amongst all participants (including making your safeguarding policy accessible to all?)

OTHER

* What risk assessments for gatherings/activities are required (e.g. children and young people, gatherings/meetings, health and safety)?
* Are you aware of safer recruitment practices?
* If you don’t meet on church premises, do you need public liability insurance?

Review the above at least every 12 months and remember to ensure new members (especially volunteers) are aware of safeguarding procedures.

As a NPNP project or pioneer, it would be good to know that you are being supported in ensuring that good practice is being adhered to. We want all NPNPs to be places of gathering that are safe and accessible, where people can flourish. Don’t panic if you don’t know the answers to all these questions yet. It may be that some things are already in place and you just need to check this with the appropriate person – maybe the church minister, Superintendent or church council.

For now, I encourage you to read this and act upon any areas of immediate concern.