Model Safeguarding Provision (that can be attached or included in any Hire of Church Premises Agreement)

The Parochial Church Council of ……………………..…………………Parish Church has adopted the Safeguarding Policy Statement of the National Church: [Promoting a Safer Church 2017](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf), which contains six overarching policy commitments:

* Promoting a safer environment and culture
* Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church
* Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
* Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
* Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
* Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

**Your booking agreement is conditional upon you having an equivalent Safeguarding Policy of your own, which is up to date, regularly reviewed and adequate for purpose. You are responsible for complying with all legislative requirements, managing any child or adult safeguarding concerns or allegations and making referrals direct to the police and/or local authority as required.**

**You are responsible for ensuring compliance with your Safeguarding Policy; no liability for assessing adequacy for purpose, monitoring compliance or breaches of your policy can be accepted by the PCC.**

You will immediately (within 24 hours) inform the **Parish Safeguarding Officer**,

………………………………..……… [name] ..…………………………. [email] ………………………. [telephone number]

of the occurrence of any incidents or allegations of abuse or causes of concern relating to members or leaders of your organisation that occur within the hirer’s premises, and contact details for the person in your organisation who is dealing with it.

If you are aware of any known offenders against children or adults seeking to join your membership or any information of a safeguarding nature, which could have an impact on any aspect of public protection, you should disclose this to the **Diocesan Safeguarding Manager (telephone: 01962 737317, email** [**safeguarding@winchester.anglican.org)**](mailto:safeguarding@winchester.anglican.org) and in addition, manage any safeguarding allegations or agreements with offenders in co-operation with statutory agencies, and with the church.

**Please complete the Declaration overleaf …. /**

**Declaration**

**We confirm that our organisation has public liability insurance cover for our activities, whilst the church premises are being hired. We understand that we are primarily liable for any accident or injury which arises out of our activities whilst using the premises and ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent injury, illness, loss or damage occurring.**

**We confirm that our organisation has an adequate, up to date safeguarding policy, which is regularly reviewed and its implementation/compliance monitored. We confirm that our organisation uses the Disclosure and Barring Service. We understand that our booking agreement may be terminated in the event of failing to comply with our organisation’s safeguarding procedures.**

**Signed …………………………………….………………………………**

**Print name ………………..………………………………………….. Role ……………………………………………………**

**Of behalf of: ………………………………………….. (Organisation Name)**

**Date ……………………………………**

**Please sign two copies; one to be retained by the church, and one by the organisation**