**Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Adults**

**This Policy Statement was adopted by Manchester Mothers’ Union Trustees at the meeting held on September 29th 2014. This Policy will be reviewed by Trustees each year to monitor its implementation and the progress achieved.**

* We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives
* As members of Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults with whom we interact
* We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of the Mothers’ Union
* We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable
* It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect
* We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable where deemed applicable
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese
* Each member who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union

Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union appoints Christine Sharp

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