



## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

**“The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of children towards whom it has a special responsibility and a duty of care. The Church, and individual members of it, undertake to do all in their power to create a safe environment for children and to prevent their physical, sexual or emotional abuse. The Church authorities will liaise closely with statutory agencies to ensure that any allegations of abuse are promptly and properly dealt with, victims supported and perpetrators held to account.”**

Recommendation 4 from A Programme for Action: Final Report of the Independent Review on Child Protection in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. September 2001.