**Model Volunteer Job Role**

[This is a simple model role outline template for a volunteer which can be used, amended or substituted by a local model as required].

**Name of Parish/ Church [insert name of Parish/ Church]**

**Role: [Insert role title] Volunteer Worker (Children and /or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect)**

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to immediately report it.

**Principles**

All those who may work with children and/or adults who are vulnerable and/or experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect must have a commitment to:

* Treat individuals with respect;
* Recognise and respect their abilities and potential for development;
* Promote their rights to make their own decisions and choices, unless it is unsafe;
* Ensure their welfare and safety;
* The promotion of social justice, social responsibility and respect for others; and
* Confidentiality, never passing on personal information, except to the person to whom you are responsible, unless there are safeguarding issues of concern (e.g. allegations of abuse). Safeguarding issues of concern **must** **always** be reported, in an emergency to the Police or Social Care services, if not an emergency to the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

**Responsible to (named contact for support and resolution of any difficulties):**

The Priest [or his / her named representative] and through them to the PCC.

**Role:** [Insert Role title, e.g. Churchwarden]

**Name:** [Insert Name]

**Contact details:** [insert contact details, e.g. mobile/ email]

**Key responsibilities and accountabilities:**

* To work with vulnerable people (children and adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect) in a way that meets and develops their personal, spiritual and social needs, exercising active pastoral concern.
* To represent the needs and views of vulnerable people to the PCC or, where appropriate, enable them to do this for themselves.
* To maintain a link with parents and carers.
* To work in accordance with the church’s policy on safeguarding.
* To undertake any other work that has been agreed and is seen to be appropriate.

**As a volunteer you can expect that we will do our best to ensure that:**

We provide a supportive, inclusive and positive environment that ensures you enjoy your volunteering and that you are treated with respect and courtesy and provided with relevant training required for this role [provide an outline of mandatory training and induction arrangements specific to this role].

**Person specification**

1. Able to demonstrate an ability to work with people who are /may be vulnerable; and

2. A willingness to develop their skills and training

3. …

**DBS Eligibility**

Is this role eligible for a DBS check: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes specify the level of check required:

Basic: [ ]  Standard: [ ]  Enhanced [ ]  Enhanced with Barred list [ ]

This letter is binding in honour only; it is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and it may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intend any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

Signed: Signed:

Print name: Print name:

Date: Date:

**END**