



This Church:

1. Believes that violence against women, girls and children in all of its many forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with our Christian faith and our Christian way of life
2. Accepts that such violence is a serious and common problem and affects those in the life of the Church as well as in wider society
3. Teaches that men and women are equally made in God's image and reflects on what this means for our lives
4. Condemns any violence against women, girls and children and teaches that such abuse is a sin
5. Understands violence against women, girls and children to be rooted in gender inequality and is an abuse of power and privilege
6. Undertakes to listen to, and, where appropriate, provide pastoral support to those affected by violence against women, girls and children
7. Will always prioritise the safety of those affected by violence against women, girls and children
8. Will seek to create links with local support services, work with them, support them, refer survivors to them and publicise their work when appropriate
9. Has signed up to the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service's Domestic Abuse Charter
10. Has appointed/Will work toward appointing a Violence against Women representative in our Church to oversee the work we do as part of this Charter