

CARING FOR CHILDREN DECLARATION

The Church of Scotland requires you to sign the following Declaration if you are able to do so. If you are unable to do so as one or more of the statements do not apply to you, you are required to give details. Once completed, you should place the form in the envelope provided and seal it before handing it to your approved verifier, along with your Disclosure Scotland form and the required proof of identity. You do not need to share your response to the Declaration with your approved verifier although you may choose to do so.

The disclosure of all criminal convictions is essential, including those regarded as 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Having previous convictions does not by itself prevent you from being approved. **However, the failure to disclose criminal convictions may lead to refusal to appoint you as a volunteer.**

The Child Protection Unit (CPU) will not disclose the information on the Declaration to your Kirk Session. The information will only be shared with the Church's Advisory Panel and the Church's Appeal Panel if the CPU requires to take advice before reaching a decision or if an applicant appeals against the decision of the CPU.

I declare that

- a) I have not been convicted of any criminal offence.
- b) I have no criminal charge pending.
- c) I have not been disqualified from or refused any post involving the care of children.
- d) I have not had a child (a person under the age of 18 years of age) removed from my care.
- e) I have not had any registration as a childminder or person responsible for providing day care to children refused, restricted or cancelled.
- f) I have not had my rights and powers as a parent removed or restricted.
- g) The information given on this form is true and accurate.

I further undertake that, in the event of my being convicted of or charged with any criminal offence after appointment, I will notify the CPU in writing of this as quickly as possible.

Signature of Applicant..... Date

Print Name of Applicant

If you are unable to sign this declaration, provide full details, including dates, circumstances and outcomes overleaf.

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Please give details, including dates, circumstances and outcomes of why you are unable to sign the declaration.

Signature of Applicant..... Date

Print Name of Applicant