



AGAPE CENTRE

*Changing Communities, Changing Lives*

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## EXCEL/AGAPE CENTRE COUNSELLING TEAM

In order to become a member of the Counsellor Team within EXCEL/AGAPE CENTRE the following criteria applies:

**Counselling Team members must:**

- Fill out EXCEL/AGAPE CENTRE Form
- Be aged sixteen and upwards
- Be at church one hour early for prayer
- Be a person who regularly studies the Word/Bible
- Wear counselling team badge
- Attend relevant department/team meetings or special service meetings
- Attend weekly prayer meeting
- Attend weekly Lighthouse discipleship classes
- Check rota and be committed
- Have been a Christian for a minimum of six months
- Have excellent communication skills
- Have been or intend to be baptised
- Have completed or intend to begin membership and foundation class
- Have a genuine heart for people
- Have a basic understanding of what it means to be Christian/Saved

**All members of the Counselling Team will be required to attend counselling training or briefing (when required):**

All EXCEL/AGAPE CENTRE counsellors must be prepared to pray with new believers and answer any basic questions that they may have e.g. concerning salvation, God, the church etc. Whoever is a member of the counselling team will automatically be part of the follow-up team.

All counsellors **must** follow up a new believer for at least three months minimum.

**When counselling a potential new believer all counsellors will be required to:**

- Pray for people
- Say the sinners/salvation prayer with the new potential believer
- Explain the meaning of the prayer
- Show the new believer at least two scriptures concerning being saved/the new decision they have made (**Romans 10:9, 2Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:2**)
- Get the new believer to fill out a follow up form with their details
- Give the new believer a (NKJV) New King James Version Bible (will be provided)
- Encourage new believer to keep coming to church and to be in consistent fellowship

**(Male must counsel male and female must counsel female church members or new believers unless where this is unavoidable to do so)**

If anyone has any queries about joining any team please **CONTACT:** Our Secretary on phone or email **Phone:** 08432 894 017 | 07939 996 111

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