

SAFEGUARDING

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
If you see something, say something

Safe Spaces helpline 0300 303 1056, email: safespaces@firstlight.org.uk

WHO

WHAT

HOW



Children



Young
People



Adults
At Risk

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk is a priority for the Church. As a Diocese, we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of our ministries and a responsibility that must rest with us all.

At the heart of our safeguarding work is the protection of people's health and wellbeing and supporting the right to live free from harm, abuse and neglect.

That is why we strive to make our parishes and church communities safe places for all those who use them. To support us in our safeguarding aims, as part of the 'one church' approach, we work to the national policies and procedures for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

If you are concerned that someone is at risk of abuse, or someone reports abuse to you, the following actions should be taken:

- Listen sensitively and reassure the person you are speaking with.
- Don't ask leading questions or seek to investigate.
- Don't promise confidentiality, but reassure that information will only be shared on a 'need to know' basis.
- Take notes of the conversation and pass them on to the Diocesan safeguarding team within 24 hours.

ALWAYS ACT

in the best interests of the vulnerable person. Never promise confidentiality.

KNOW HOW

to identify vulnerable people who may benefit from early help.

UNDERSTAND

the different types of abuse and neglect so that you can identify those that need help.

CONTACT

If there is an immediate risk of harm, contact the emergency services on 999.

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