

Safeguarding Children and Adults in the Diocese of Coventry

Useful contacts

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Adult Social Care, Warwickshire	01926 412 080
Emergency Duty Team, Warwickshire <i>(Out of Hours children and adults)</i>	01926 886 922
(MASH) Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (Adults & Children) Warwickshire	01926 414144
West Midlands Police	101 / 999
Warwickshire Police	101 / 999
NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Age UK Advice Line	0800 678 1174
Diocesan website	www.coventry.anglican.org/safeguarding

REMEMBER

**Safeguarding children and adults is everyone's responsibility.
NEVER DO NOTHING**

What is abuse?

A misuse of power, an abuse of relationships and a betrayal of trust, the violation of an individual's human or civil rights by any other person or persons.

There are four categories of child abuse:

- ☒ Physical abuse
- ☒ Sexual abuse
- ☒ Emotional abuse
- ☒ Neglect

In addition to the above the following are categories of abuse relating to adults:

- ☒☒ Financial or material abuse
 - ☒ Psychological abuse
 - ☒ Discriminatory abuse
 - ☒ Acts of omission

Recognising abuse

There are several ways in which we may become aware that a child or adult is being abused:

- ☒ By a direct disclosure
- ☒ By reports or allegations made by another child or adult
- ☒ By observing possible signs and symptoms of abuse
- ☒ By the admission or 'cry for help' from an adult who says they are harming a child or another adult
- ☒ Where an adult discloses historical abuse

If a disclosure is made

DO

- ☒ Stay calm.
- ☒ Listen carefully.
- ☒ Take what you are being told seriously.
- ☒ Reassure.
- ☒ Let the child/adult know that you need to tell someone.
- ☒ Speak to your Parish Safeguarding Officers Julie Jackson or Judith Linnell, or your Incumbent, Jonathan Jee.
- ☒ Inform Children's Social Care or the Police **immediately** when a disclosure is made by a child.
- ☒ Inform Adult Social Care or the Police immediately if an adult has been harmed or where a crime has been committed.
- ☒ Inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser as soon as possible.
- ☒ Make clear notes of what you were told, date and sign them and send a copy to your Safeguarding Officers, who will pass these onto the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

DO NOT

- ☒ Panic.
- ☒ Ask questions.
- ☒ Stop the child or adult from speaking.
- ☒ Make promises that you cannot keep.
- ☒ Promise confidentiality.
- ☒ Try and investigate yourself.
- ☒ Keep the information to yourself.
- ☒ Speak to the alleged abuser.
- ☒ Do nothing.

What to do if you have concerns.

- ☒ Discuss your concerns with your Incumbent, Parish Safeguarding Officers or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.
- ☒ The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is available to advise you on the action to take if you have concerns or suspect that a child or adult is being abused or is at risk of harm.
- ☒ If a direct disclosure of abuse is made to you it **must** be reported to the Police or Children's Social Care or Adult Social Care **immediately**.