

Safeguarding and Good Practice

Essential information for those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults – Keep it

What happens if...?

If you suspect abuse, someone confides in you, or a complaint is made about any adult or about you, it is your duty to report the concern.

If someone tells you that they have been abused:

1. Allow the person to speak without interruption, accepting what is said.
2. Offer immediate understanding and reassurance, while passing no judgement.
3. Advise that you will try to offer support but that you must pass the information on.
4. Follow your procedures and tell your Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) who will inform the appropriate Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA).
5. Write careful notes of what was said; making it clear what are their words and what are yours.
6. Sign, date and pass your notes to the PSR.
7. Ensure that no situation arises which could cause any further concern.

NOTE: IN AN EMERGENCY, E.G. A PERSON AT IMMINENT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM. CONTACT POLICE OR SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECT. INFORM THE PSR OF THE ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN.

If you have a concern about a person's safety and well being:

1. Immediately tell your PSR or incumbent.
2. Write careful notes of what you witnessed, heard or were told.
3. Sign, date and pass your notes to the PSR
4. Ensure, if possible, that no situation arises which could cause any further concern.

If you receive a complaint or allegation about any adult or about you:

1. Immediately tell the appropriate person, your PSR who will tell the appropriate DSA
2. Write careful notes of what you witnessed, heard or were told.
3. Sign, date and pass your notes to the PSR.
4. Ensure, if possible, that no-one is placed in a position which could cause further compromise.

Note: - Anyone has the right to report any concern, or suspicions about another person in confidence and free from harassment.

Your must refer; you must not investigate. We know it is not easy to be the person to who concerns are reported – seek support for yourself too. If any doubt about policy or procedure please contact the appropriate DSA – children and young people 07500 664800.

Our Rector: Reverend John Rees 01225 764365

Safeguarding Representative: Stella Wilkes 01225 751127 mobile 07590410245

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Heather Bland 01722 411922

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

St Michael and All Angels with St Mary the Virgin, Whaddon is committed to the nurture, protection and safekeeping of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We adhere to the recommendation in the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and our own Working Document.

Should you have concern about the physical, sexual or mental abuse of any of the above the person to contact is:

Stella Wilkes
Safeguarding
Representative
01225 751127
mobile
07590410245

Rev John Rees
Rector
01225 764365



For further information refer to The Diocese of Salisbury Safeguarding and Good Practice Guidelines which can be found on The Salisbury Diocesan Website

www.salisbury.anglican.org

Additional assistance can be found at:

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111 (Anytime)

PARENTLINE PLUS: 0808 800 2222 (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Sat & Sun (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9
a.m. - 5 p.m.)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM: 0808 2000 247 (24 hr.)