

Remember

Dos and don'ts for handling a disclosure

Do

- ✓ Remain calm, approachable and receptive
- ✓ Take what is said seriously
- ✓ Listen carefully without interrupting
- ✓ Acknowledge you understand how difficult this may be
- ✓ Offer reassurance – it is the right thing to tell someone
- ✓ Tell them what will happen next
- ✓ Make a written record of exactly what has been said and when
- ✓ Report

Don't

- ✗ Promise complete confidentiality
- ✗ Ask leading or probing questions
- ✗ Investigate
- ✗ Discuss with people who do not need to know
- ✗ Delay in reporting the disclosure to the Incumbent, the PSO and DSA

Important Contact Numbers

Vicar of St. Mary's

Revd. Michelle Goodrich:
Telephone 07562 723798
Email: vicar@stmarysalsager.org or
rev.michelle.goodrich@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Hazel Sinkler:
Telephone 01270 876326
Email: gdpr@stmarysalsager.org

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA)

Pauline Butterfield:
Telephone 01928 718834 x 221 or 07703 800031
Email: Pauline.butterfield@chester.anglican.org
Diocesan out of hours 0303 003 1111

Cheshire East Social Services

0300 123 5012 (8.30am to 5.00pm)
Out of hours 0300123 5022

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline – 24 hours
0808 800 5000

Childline – 24 hours - 08001111

In an emergency call 999



Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Pocket Guide

What to do if you have a concern about a child,
young person or adult within the Church.



Mission

The Gospel speaks of welcome for all, especially the most vulnerable, into a community where the value and dignity of every human being is affirmed and those in positions of responsibility and authority are truly trustworthy. Being faithful to this therefore compels us to take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.'

**From 'Promoting a Safer Church'
The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy
Statement**

If you have concerns regarding

Children, young people and adults

If you have a concern about an individual's physical, sexual or emotional well-being, it is **your** responsibility to seek advice and support from your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA)

Clergy, church wardens, volunteers and other church officers

Any safeguarding concerns or allegations about anyone in a Parish role must be immediately reported to the DSA.

If you or someone close to you becomes involved in any police or Social Services investigation you must notify the DSA immediately.

A member of the congregation

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Please be assured that all matters will be dealt with confidentially by the Church and reported to the police and/or social services as required to protect those who are vulnerable from harm.

Reporting Concerns

