

Useful contacts

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(Out of hours, children and adults)

Solihull Children's Social Work Services 0121 788 4333

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Emergency Duty Team, Solihull 0121 605 6060

(Out of hours, children and adults)

(MASH) Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub 01926 414144

(Adults & Children) Warwickshire

Emergency Duty Team, Warwickshire 01926 886 922

(Out of Hours children and adults)

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.dioceseofcoventry.org/safeguarding

REMEMBER

Safeguarding children and adults is everyone's responsibility.

NEVER DO NOTHING



Safeguarding

Children

and

Adults

in the

Diocese of Coventry

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 Officer or Incumbent.
- ◆ 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 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 Officer 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**.