

# EXTERNAL SAFEGUARDING LINKS

## Finding support

Here are the contact details of agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

### Reporting to [Safe Spaces](#): an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse

Launched in September 2020, Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service for anyone who has experienced abuse in relation to the Church of England, the Church in Wales, or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. This could be abuse by someone who holds any role in the church or is linked to participating in a church-led activity or group.

Although the churches have funded the service, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales.

If you have been affected, however long ago, Safe Spaces can provide you with support. You do not have to have told the police or the church authorities, and you do not have to still be involved with the church. Your information will not be shared without your consent, unless you or someone else is in immediate danger.

- **Tel:** 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times)
- **Email:** [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)
- **WebChat** - via the [Safe Spaces website](#)
- [More information](#)

## Getting support from other organisations

- **Past Cases Review 2 NSPCC helpline for Children and Adults:** 0800 80 20 20
- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
- **Child-line:** 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.
- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
- **[Samaritans Helpline](#):** 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** 0808 808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm)
- **National Rape Crisis Helpline:** 0808 802 9999 and is open every day from 12-2.30pm and 7-9.30pm.
- **[The Survivors Trust](#):** 0808 801 0818 and is open Monday to Wednesday 10-7.30pm, Thursday 10-6pm and Friday 10-2pm.
- **LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0800 999 5428 [help@galop.org.uk](mailto:help@galop.org.uk)

- **Men's Advice Line:** 0808 801 0327 [info@mensadviceline.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadviceline.org.uk)
- **Age UK Advice Line:** 0800 678 1602
- **Modern Slavery-Salvation Army:** 0300 303 8151

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- **Stop it Now** Helpline 08081000 900 (online behaviour)
- **CEOP** (Child exploitation and online protection)
- **Thinkuknow** is an education programme from CEOP, a UK organisation
- **ICCSA Independent**
- **Local Authority Contacts (Wakefield) Child and Adult**

Adult Social Care:

[Worried about a child?](#)

Social Care Direct

Telephone 0345 8 503 503

Minicom: 01924 303450(type talk welcome)

If you have concerns about a child's safety

Email:socialcare\_direct@wakefield.gov.uk

contact Social Care Direct FREE on

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