

# Promoting a safer church

*The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church*

House of Bishops  
Safeguarding Policy  
for children, young people & adults

## IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

*that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*

### Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **Carolyn Chivers**  
Role: **Safeguarding Officer**  
Tel: **07971086093**  
Email: **Safeguarding@slhythe.com**

Name: **Fiona Coombs**  
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**  
Tel: **07548 232395**  
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Name: **Paul Brightwell**  
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**  
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Email: **Pbrightwell@diocant.org**

To make a referral directly to the safeguarding team please either use the form found on the Diocese of Canterbury's website or use the QR code opposite.  
[www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding)

### Local Authority Social Services:

Children's services - 03000 41 11 11  
Adult services - 03000 41 61 61

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**



Diocese of Canterbury  
Safeguarding Referral



## OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

## Helplines

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Safe Spaces: 0300 3031056
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784