

The Safeguarding Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 11th March 2025.

The parish of St Blasius Shanklin is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer, PSO. The Diocese of Portsmouth's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the DSA. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services.

You can download a copy of our safeguarding policy [here](#).

The Safeguarding Officer for St Blasius is Miss Pam Dana; pamdseashells@icloud.com

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The Head of Safeguarding for the Diocese of Portsmouth is Emily Hassan. You can contact the Portsmouth Safeguarding Team during office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) on safeguarding@portsmouth.anglican.org or by phone on 023 9289 9665.

Out of hours advice can be sought from the Thirtyone:eight helpline on 0303 003 1111 selecting option 2.

Local helplines

Paragon Isle of Wight 0800 234 6266 ParagonIOW@theyoutrust.org.uk

National Helplines

NSPCC for adults concerned about a child – 0808 800 5000

Childline for children and young people – 0800 1111

Action on Elder Abuse helpline – 0808 808 8141 24-hour

National Domestic Violence helpline – 0808 2000 247

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse – 08088010331

Stop It Now helps prevent child sexual abuse – 0808 1000 900

Cruse bereavement helpline – 0808 808 1677

Family Lives provides support and advice on family issues – 0808 800 222

MACSAS for people who have been abused by church officers – 0808 801 0340

Samaritans for people struggling to cope and needing someone to talk to – 116 123 Sources of support for victims and families of abuse

The Survivors Trust – <http://thesurvivorstrust.org>

Safeline – www.safeline.org.uk/what-can-friends-and-family-members-do-to-support-survivors-of-sexual-abuse

SupportLine – www.supportline.org.uk/problems/rape_sexual-assault.php

Victim Support – www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/childhood-abuse