

# 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 and 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:

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### Local Authority Social Services:

0808 800 4005

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE VIA 999  
IN AN EMERGENCY OR 101**

## 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	• Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
• Childline: 0800 1111	• National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
• Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900	• Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141
• NAPAC: 0808 801 0331	
• Samaritans: 116 123	



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and Ipswich