

# Safeguarding



## Statement of safeguarding principles

We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community.

The Church of England will:

- Promote a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

### These policy commitments are based on our five foundations:

- Gospel
- Human rights and the law
- Core principles
- Good safeguarding practice
- Learning from the past

***Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone.***

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook can be viewed here:	<a href="https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/storage/general-files/shares/Safeguarding/Parish_Safeguarding_Handbook_October_2018.pdf">https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/storage/general-files/shares/Safeguarding/Parish_Safeguarding_Handbook_October_2018.pdf</a>
The Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement can be viewed here:	<a href="https://stgeorgechorley.co.uk/assets/pdf/Parish_Safeguarding_Handbook_October_2018.pdf">https://stgeorgechorley.co.uk/assets/pdf/Parish_Safeguarding_Handbook_October_2018.pdf</a>
The Parish Safeguarding Officer is:	Dr Victoria Gibson, who can be contacted on <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stgeorgechorley.co.uk">safeguarding@stgeorgechorley.co.uk</a> or 0772 1010 900
Blackburn Diocesan Safeguarding :	<a href="https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/overview">https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/overview</a>
Church of England Safeguarding :	<a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church-safeguarding">https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church-safeguarding</a>

**If you have information about a safeguarding situation, where a child or adult is in immediate danger call the emergency services on 999.**

### **Finding Support**

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

<b>NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: <u>0808 800 5000</u></b> (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
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<b>Child-line: <u>0800 1111</u></b> (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything
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<b>National Domestic Violence Helpline: <u>0808 2000 247</u></b> (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse
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<b>Samaritans Helpline: <u>116 123</u></b> (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to
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<b>Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: <u>080 8808 8141</u></b> (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).
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