

# 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:

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### Local Authority Social Services:

Berwick: 01670 536400

18 Wallace Green

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

## 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: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 0800 8808 8141

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[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)