

Diocese of London Flowchart: Safeguarding concerns

A safeguarding concern is reported to, or identified by, someone within the parish – please remember that concern for the safety and wellbeing of the child/adult should remain uppermost at all times.

YES ← Is the child/adult at immediate risk? → NO

If the person is at immediate risk of harm or needs medical attention, dial 999 to contact the emergency services and follow any advice given. As soon as possible, but within 24 hours, follow the recording and reporting steps on the right.

Inform the parish priest (unless the complaint is about them) and Church Safeguarding Officer who will then seek advice from the Safeguarding Team as necessary.

Report to Diocesan Safeguarding Team Tel: 020 7932 1224 email: safeguarding@london.anglican.org

The appropriate member of the team will be able to deal with your concern. If the matter is urgent and members of the DST are not available, please call the CCPAS helpline: 0845 1204550, mentioning you are from the Diocese of London.

Record the concern within 24 hours (who, what, when, where, why, how?) and file securely in the parish. Send a copy of the report to the safeguarding team.

Bishops and Archdeacons play a vital part in ensuring safeguarding throughout the Diocese. Any concerns can be discussed with them but advice should always be sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **020 7932 1224**.

All concerns reported to the DST are shared with the relevant Bishop and Archdeacon and any concerns that Bishops and Archdeacons are made aware of are reported immediately to the DST.

Whereas we respect confidentiality, when a child or adult who may be at risk or being harmed, we have a duty to refer to statutory authorities.

If an urgent / serious safeguarding concern arises out of office hours and you are unable to speak to anyone from the safeguarding team, please contact the CCPAS helpline on 0845 1204550