

RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING SITUATIONS FLOW CHART

You have information about a serious safeguarding situation

If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention, call the **emergency services on 999**. If there are concerns about their immediate welfare, don't delay – call **First Response 01296 383962 (Children) or 0800 137915(Adults)**

Most situations are not emergencies. Ensure if you can that immediate safety arrangements are in place for victim(s) with no contact with alleged abuser, and for others potentially vulnerable. Remember to protect yourself from harm too.

Immediately inform your Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) **Glynnis Eastwood or Sue Ioannou 01280 830230 (safeguarding@bpchurch.uk)**. Where they are unavailable inform the incumbent **Rev Will Pearson Gee 01280 830221** or the leader of your team of your concern

If the PSOs are not available, and you are unsure or worried about how serious a situation is, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for guidance and reassurance. 01865 208295 Safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org Out of hours: call **Thirtyone:eight 0303 003 1111**

Keep a secure written or electronic record of all your actions

If the information concerns potential harm by someone in the church, ensure the Diocesan Safeguarding Team is immediately informed (contact details as above)

If you are advised to do so, refer to your Local Authority Children's Services, Adult Safeguarding Team (AST) or to the Police

Maintain confidentiality – don't talk to others about it
BUT - look after yourself – debrief with your team leader, your incumbent or your parish safeguarding officer, and ask for further support if you need it

Follow the advice of the Local Authority, Police and your parish and diocesan advisers, and co-operate fully with any investigation