

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:

Name: Denise Sanderson
Role: Under 18s Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Tel: 07938 793844 or 01772 335903 (evenings)
Email: SafeguardingU18@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Name: Stewart Hopkinson
Role: Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Tel: 07515 652776
Email: SafeguardingAdult@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Name: Catherine Smith
Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Officer
Tel: 07711 485170
Email: catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org

Local Authority Safeguarding Support:

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| Child Safeguarding: | 01254 666400 |
| Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding: | 01254 585949 |
| Emergency Duty Team (after 5pm): | 01254 587547 |
| Lancashire Police: | 01254 51212 |

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

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| • 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 | |