



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

If you are worried that

A child or vulnerable adult in church might be suffering some kind of **ABUSE**

- **DO NOT –** try to diagnose, investigate or sort it out yourself
- **THINK HARD –** about what it is about the child's appearance or behaviour that is making you worried or suspicious
- **DO NOT –** promise confidentiality if someone talks to you about what might be abuse
- **DECIDE –** who you should TALK to and TALK TO THEM – within 24 hours.

This could be the Rector, Rev. Simon White (01670 517716), the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Debbie Bass-Pickin (07983936626) or any of the people listed below:

If the child or vulnerable adult is in the care of the church and you have any concerns, you can contact the Diocese Safeguarding Team – Enquiries – safeguarding@newcastle.anglican.org or their caseworkers

Lisa Wardlaw – 07825167016, caseworker@newcastle.anglican.org

Jill Thirlaway – 07738415238 j.thirlaway@newcastle.anglican.org

You may think it necessary to contact

Children's Services & Vulnerable Adults Services

Northumberland Initial Response **One Call 01670 536400**
(24 hours)

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 2000 247

Childline 08001111

Samaritans 116 123

In cases where the child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger – contact police by ringing 999