

Parish Responding to Concerns and Allegations **Procedure**

Parish of St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr

agreed by the Parish Church Council on <u>Saturday 9th November 202</u>4 You have information about a serious safeguarding situation If a child or adult is in immediate danger or Most situations are not emergencies. Ensure requires immediate medical attention, call if you can that immediate safety the emergency services on 999. If there are arrangements are in place for victim(s), and concerns about their immediate welfare, for others potentially vulnerable, with no don't delay - call Children or Adult's Social contact with alleged abuser. Remember to Care Services. protect yourself from harm too. Immediately inform the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or incumbent of your concern - or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer if the concern is about one of these. If you are unsure or worried about how serious a situation is, the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or incumbent will contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for guidance and reassurance - or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer yourself, if the concern is about the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or incumbent Make a secure written or electronic record of the concern the same day and all your actions – sign and date it and pass it to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator who will add subsequent information and actions and forward to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer If the information concerns actual or potential harm at a church activity or by a church officer or by someone attending a church activity, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer MUST be informed within one working day If you are advised to do so, refer to your Local Authority Children's Services or Adult Safeguarding Team or to the Police – the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, incumbent or Diocesan Safeguarding Officer will usually do this Maintain confidentiality – don't talk to others about it and never alert the person who may have caused the harm - BUT - look after yourself – debrief with your incumbent or your parish safeguarding co-ordinator, and ask for further support if you need it Follow the advice of safeguarding professionals and co-operate fully with any investigation THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND - BIRMINGHAM | SAFEGUARDING



LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Helen Greenwood 0707779814

Incumbent: Reverend Danny Payne 07475005055

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: 07342 993 844 Steph Haynes

Police: West Midlands

999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency)

Local Authority Children's Services: 0121 303 1888

Local Authority Adult Services: 0121 303 1234

For more useful contacts, please refer to Pages 29 and 30 of: ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PERRY BARR PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS ADOPTED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2024