

What to do if:

You have concerns about possible abuse (including allegations)

1. In an emergency, call 999
2. Otherwise, consult the person to whom you are responsible
3. Decide together whether to seek advice or to make an immediate referral to police or care services (see back panel)
4. Always contact Garry Johnson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
5. Keep a record of what happened, your concerns and your actions
6. Tell your parish priest
7. Only tell others who need to know

A child, young person or adult wishes to disclose they have been abused

1. Listen. Keep listening. Do not question or investigate
2. Do not promise confidentiality; tell them we need to share this
3. Assure them they are not to blame
4. Tell them what you are going to do and that they will be told what happens
5. Make careful notes of what is said, record dates, times, events and when you are told
6. Report it to the person to whom you are responsible and your priest or safeguarding representative
7. Only tell those who need to know

Things to remember

- Treat everyone with respect, setting a positive example for others
- Respect personal space and privacy
- Ensure any actions cannot be misrepresented by someone else
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour
- Do not put anyone, including yourself, in a vulnerable or compromising situation
- Do not have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others
- You must not keep allegations or suspected abuse secret

Add contact details for:

The person to whom you are responsible

Tel

Mobile

Email

Other contact details:

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

Garry Johnson 01733 887041

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Ven Richard Ormston 01604 714015

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Archdeacon of Oakham

Ven Gordon Steele 01733 887017

archdeacon.oakham@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Reporting Concerns: Children

Northamptonshire

Children Customers and Education Services Initial

Contact Team 0300 126 1000

Peterborough

Children's Serv's Referral & Assessment 01733 864180

Out of Hours 01733 23472

Rutland

Children's Social Care 01572 722577 ext 8407

Out of hours 0116 305 0005

Reporting Concerns Adults

Northamptonshire

Customer Service Centre 0300 126 1000

Peterborough

Peterborough City Council 01733 747474

Emergencies outside office hours 01733 234724

Rutland

Health and Social Care 01572 722 577

**Police for children, adults, including domestic abuse,
Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland 101**

Helplines

Child Line 0800 1111, NSPCC 0808 800 5000,

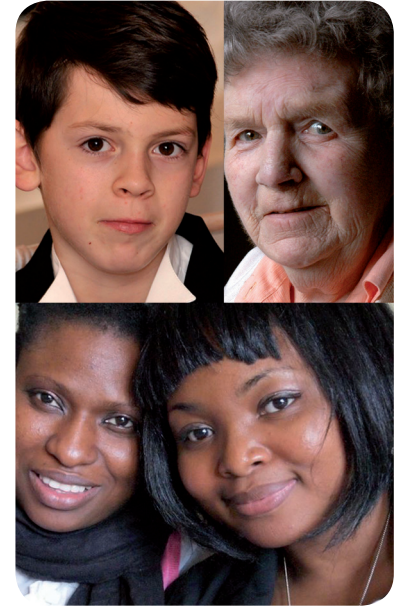
CCPAS 0845 120 4550

National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

Minister and Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivors [MACSAS]

enquiries@macsas.org.uk

Safeguarding



A pocket guide for those working with children and vulnerable adults in Peterborough diocese