

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

March 2018

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| Parish address: | Honey Hill & Hospital Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk |
| Vicar: | In interregnum |
| Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) | Jean Hardy contact via Parish Office 01284 754680 |
| Assistant Safeguarding Officers: | |
| St Mary's: | Jean Hardy |
| St Peter's: | Nick Alexander |
| St Mary's Choir | Ruth Marple |
| Further Contact Details: | |
| Bishop's Advisor: | 01473 298522 |
| NSPCC: | 0800 800500 |
| Childline: | 0800 1111 |
| Social Services | 01473 715111 |
| Customer First | 0808 8004005 |

PARISH SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Parish of St Mary's with St Peter's is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We fully adopt the safeguarding policy for children, young people and adults as set out in the 'Promoting a Safer Church' document by the Church of England and the House of Bishops' and Diocesan safeguarding policies and practice guidance. The safeguarding policy statements and practice guidance can be found at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

The PCC and the incumbent have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community. In terms of safeguarding the Incumbent and PCC will:

Promote a safer church for all in the church community, and ensure there is a plan in place to raise awareness of, promote training and ensure that safeguarding is taken seriously by all those in the church community.

Appoint at least one appropriate experienced designated Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and PCC. This PSO should be a lay person. It cannot be the Incumbent. The PSO may also be the DBS administrator for church officers who work with children or vulnerable adults but if not, the PCC should appoint another individual. The PSO should be supported, trained and given a copy of the Parish Safeguarding Policy and procedures.

For further details on Roles and Responsibilities within the parish refer to 'Key Roles and Responsibilities of Church Office Holders and Bodies Practice Guidance' (Section 3), available on the Diocesan Website.

CONCERNS

When there is a disclosure of harm or there are concerns about the welfare of any children, young person or vulnerable adult, all adults in our church community are expected to share their concerns and allegations with the parish safeguarding officer or the parish priest. Any referrals should be made without delay to Suffolk County Council Customer First - **0808 800 4005** (Freephone from landlines and some mobiles). If a child, young person or vulnerable adult is at risk of immediate harm, the police should be immediately informed – 999. Please refer to the attached sheets for more contact details

What to do if you think someone is being abused

Concerns

Suspicion or allegation of abuse by observation, victim disclosure, abuser disclosure, report by another person or anonymous communication.

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Consult

If it does not delay the referral, speak to the Incumbent or Parish Safeguarding Officer (if they are not implicated), then:

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| the Bishop's Safeguarding Officer | 01473 298522 |
| | 07917 385843 (out of hours) |
| and the Bishop's Office | 01473 252829 |

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Contact

Make a referral to:

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| Suffolk County Council Customer First | 0808 800 4005 |
| customer.first@suffolk.gov.uk | |
| and/or the Police | 101 |

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Confirm

A written copy of your verbal referral may be required as advised. If you have had no response within 7 days or referring, telephone again.

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Commitment

Be prepared to provide further information as requested and commit to assisting as required until the conclusion of the investigation.

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If a child or vulnerable adult is at risk of **immediate harm** – call 999 **NOW**