

Diocese of East Anglia

SAFEGUARDING CARE STATEMENT

(Statement B)

Every child or young person who comes to Church activities is important. All the adults must make sure:

- You are treated well and with respect;
- You are listened to;
- All reasonable action is taken to make sure you are safe.

If you are unhappy, muddled, confused, worried, hurt or frightened about anything that happens at Church, where you live or anywhere else you go, we want to help.

The people you can tell are:

- Somebody in your family or where you live;
- A leader who you feel listens to you in the Church;
- Your Parish Safeguarding Representative (see church notice board);
- Your Safeguarding Coordinator (Mick Thurley on 020 8505 4199);
- Somebody at school;
- An independent person;
- Child Line / NSPCC;

You will not get into trouble at Church (in the youth group etc.) for telling about something that is making you unhappy, muddled, confused, worried, hurt or frightened. It sometimes takes a lot of courage to tell, but these people will listen sympathetically.

Some safe contact points are:

NSPCC - 0800 800 500 or 42 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3NH or www.nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC - Textphone service for deaf people - 0800 056 0566

NSPCC 'A Chance 2 Talk' - computer based service run by NSPCC by which young people can "speak" to a counsellor on-line: <http://www.achance2talk.com>

Child Line - Free phone 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

or

Help the Aged - www.helptheaged.org.uk on 0207 278 1114

Action on Elder Abuse - www.elderabuse.org.uk on 0808 808 8141

Other local and specialist resources i.e. local helpline or Church Action on Disability