



THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN, NEWLAND

Parish Domestic Abuse Policy

March 2019/2020

Parish Policy for responding to Domestic Abuse

Church Details: St John Newland, St Faith's and Riverside Church

We are committed to promoting and supporting environments which:

- Ensure that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse;
- Protect those vulnerable to domestic abuse from actual or potential harm;
- Recognise equality amongst people and within relationships;
- Enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently.

We recognise that:

- All forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship;
- All survivors (regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity) have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- Domestic abuse can occur in all communities;
- Domestic abuse may be a single incident, but is usually a systematic, repeated pattern which escalates in severity and frequency;
- Domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse by the perpetrator of the abusive behaviour;
- Working in partnership with children, adults and other agencies is essential in promoting the welfare of any child or adult suffering abuse.

We will endeavour to respond to domestic abuse by:

In all our activities-

- Valuing, listening to and respecting both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

In our publicity

- Raising awareness about other agencies, support services, resources and expertise, through providing information in public and women only areas of relevance to survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

When concerns are raised-

- Ensuring that those who have experienced abuse can find safety and informed help;
- Working with the appropriate statutory bodies during an investigation into domestic abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community.

In our care-

- Ensuring that informed and appropriate pastoral care is offered to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse;
- Identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

If you have any concerns you need to speak to-

Safeguarding Representative

The PCC has appointed the following person to be Parish Safeguarding Representative to whom any allegation or concerns about abuse should be directed.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Annette Benstead

Address: 16 Scholars Drive, Hull, HU5 2DB

Telephone: 01482 572698 Mobile 07949 923476

Email: nettebenstead@gmail.com

National Helpline Numbers:

Policy Adoption

This policy is adopted and will be reviewed annually by the PCC of St John Newland. A signed and dated copy must be sent annually to the Diocese Safeguarding Adviser.

Signed <i>m. Tinker</i>	Date <i>18/03/19</i>
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Print Name <i>m. TINKER</i>	Incumbent

Signed <i>T. BENS</i>	Date <i>18/03/19</i>
Print Name <i>TIMOTHY BENSTON</i>	Church Warden

Signed	Date <i>18.03.19</i>
<i>Graham Barnett</i>	
Print Name <i>GRAHAM BARNETT</i>	Church Warden

Useful Telephone numbers:

- Archdeacon The Venerable Andrew Broom 01482 881659
- Diocese Safeguarding Advisor 07551124951 01904 699500
- Hull Domestic Abuse Partnership www.hulldap.co.uk Tel: 01482 318 759
- East Riding Domestic Violence & Abuse Partnership Tel: Confidential Helpline 01482 396330 email: DVAP@eastriding.gov.uk
- Thirtyone:eight formally Churches Child Protection Advisory Service Helpline: 0845 1204450
- Social Services Duty Team Hull 01482 448879/East Riding Golden Number 01482 395500
- Emergency Duty Team Hull 01482 300304 East Riding 01482 880826
- Local Police 101 Emergencies 999
- 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline (Freephone) 0808 2000 247 (run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge)
- Male Advice & Enquiry: 0808 801 0327
- Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (NB: Contact with the EIG should only be undertaken following discussion with the Archdeacon or Diocesan Secretary if it is with regard to a confidential child protection related complaint or concern)

Write to:

The Managing Director
Ecclesiastical Insurance Group
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
Gloucester
GL1 1JZ

and marked "Strictly Private and Confidential"

If it is an emergency telephone : 01452 528533