A Quick Guide to Responding Promptly to a Safeguarding Concern or Allegation

Although particular people bear formal responsibility for Safeguarding, 'the care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church' (Promoting a Safer Church, 2017).

Concern / allegation

If you suspect or witness abuse, or someone discloses information about a safeguarding concern or allegation

Emergency – immediate

If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, call the police and / or social services immediately on 999.

Record and **report** all information to the vicar and PSO

or

Non-emergency – within 24 hours

Record and **report** to the vicar (unless the subject of the concern) or your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) (unless the subject of the concern). Otherwise contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer direct.

Record and discuss with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) within 24 hours

The DSO will provide advice and guidance

Contact details:

Vicar
Rev Andy Hobbs — **0121 445 1269 / hobbsrev@gmail.com**

Parish Safeguarding Officer
Diane Milford — **07547 267746 / safeguarding@chandbgparish.org.uk**

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer
Steph Haynes | Sarah Rose — **07342 993844 / StephH@cofebirmingham.com | 0121 236 4333 Sarahr@cofebirmingham.com**

FULLER details on this procedure can be obtained via a request to the Parish Office on 0121 447 7097