

## **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY**

### **Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Monday, 20 March 2023.

As members of the PCC we commit our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. We recognise that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church community. We are fully committed to acting within current legislation, guidance, national frameworks and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Guidance. We will also act in an open, transparent and accountable way in working in partnership with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Children and Adult Social Care Services, the Police, Probation Services and other agencies to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. We welcome staff and volunteers who are recruited in accordance with House of Bishops' Interim Guidelines on Safer Recruitment 2013. This means we will ensure that those who are employed or who volunteer to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are suitable for the role, that they know what the role entails and that they are supported in carrying it out.

#### **Parish Safeguarding Policy Statements**

Every year the PCC will agree the Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy Statement, displaying a copy in the Church.

#### **Parish Safeguarding Representative**

The PCC will appoint a Safeguarding Representative who will be responsible on behalf of the incumbent and PCC for implementing the Diocesan policy in respect of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Representative will make a report at every PCC meeting.

#### **Paid Workers and/or Volunteers**

All those who undertake work in a regulated activity with children and/or vulnerable adults in the parish on a paid or voluntary basis will be required to:

- Complete a Confidential Self Declaration Form
- To complete the necessary vetting application (DBS: Disclosure and Barring Service Checks)

The Parish of St. Paul's will seek to ensure that a DBS check is only requested after a risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position (paid

or voluntary) concerned. All Confidential Self Declaration Forms, references and results of DBS checks will be held securely

**The following activities** have been identified as PCC endorsed activities which fall under the Diocese Safeguarding Procedures and DBS checks may be required based on the role of those church members taking part in these activities.

### ***Children's Activities***

- Children are present and are welcome at all our services.
- St. Paul's holds a Family Service, which has increased children participation, on the first Sunday of each month.
- Primary School Visits occur on at least a termly basis.
- Christmas Services have increased children participation.

### ***Vulnerable Adult Activities***

- Vulnerable adults are welcome at all our services.
- Home Communion and sick visiting should be pre-arranged and two persons should undertake the visit.
- Lifts to hospital and to other medical appointments should be pre-arranged preferably by the vulnerable adult.

The above Children's and Vulnerable Adult Activities are not exclusive; they are just examples.

**All those who work with children and/or vulnerable adults** on a regular basis should familiarise themselves with the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Guidance for Parishes.

**Anyone with concerns about a child or adult at risk should contact:**

**The Parish Safeguarding Representative:**

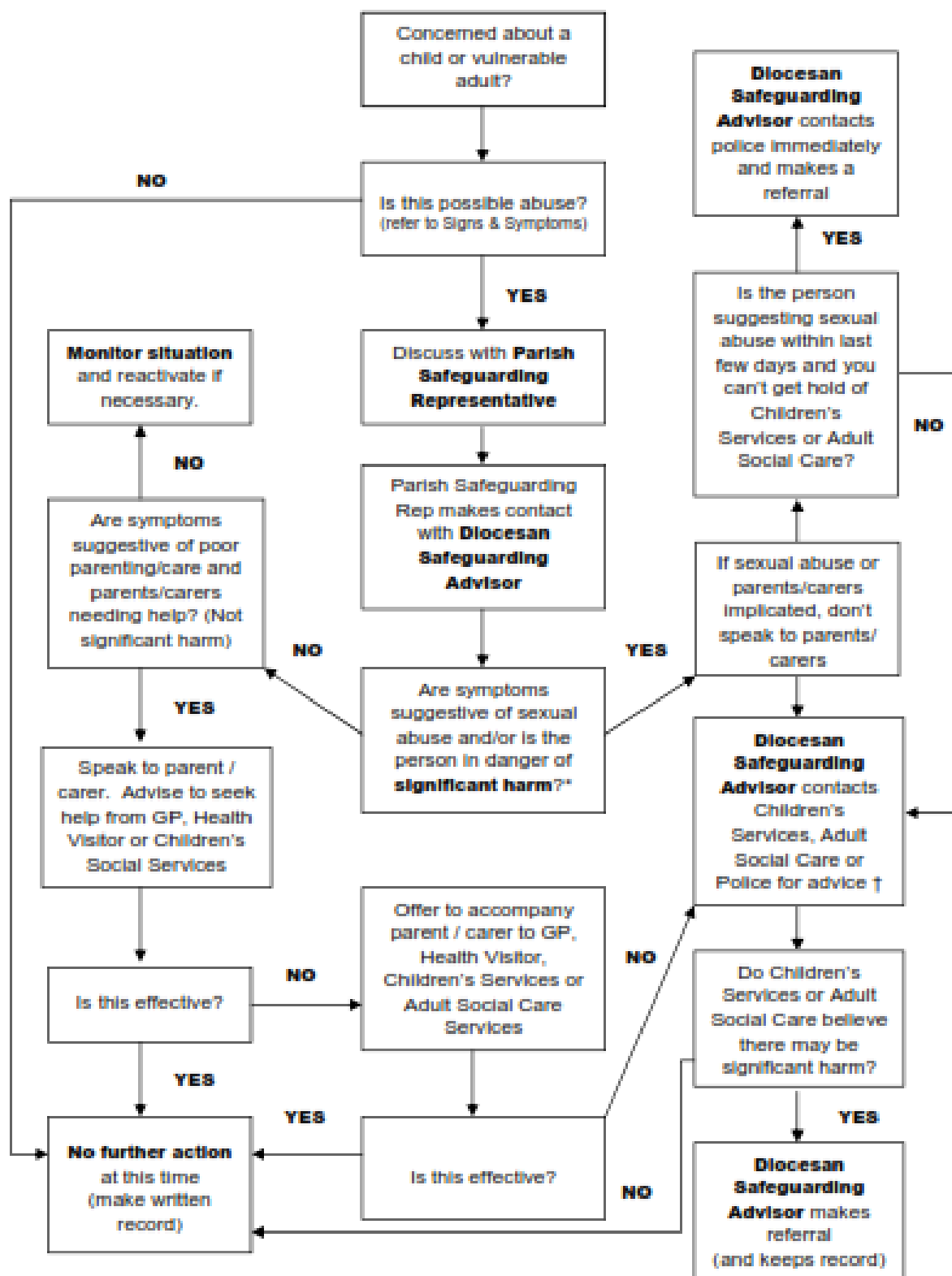
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A Flowchart follows showing action to be taken when responding to concerns about a child or an adult at risk.

## FLOWCHART FOR RESPONDING TO CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD OR ADULT AT RISK



\* Refer to safeguarding policy for guidance on 'significant harm'

† Where concerns are about an adult, due attention must be given to any wishes expressed about reporting following an assessment of their ability to make informed decisions and give informed consent.