



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

If you are worried that

A child or vulnerable adult in church might be suffering some kind of **ABUSE**

- **DO NOT** – try to diagnose, investigate or sort it out yourself
- **THINK HARD** – about what it is about the child's appearance or behaviour that is making you worried or suspicious
- **DO NOT** – promise confidentiality if someone talks to you about what might be abuse
- **DECIDE** – who you should TALK to and TALK TO THEM – within 24 hours.

**This could be the Rector, Rev. Simon White (517716),
the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Pauline Young (07779132452)
or any of the people listed below:**

If the child or vulnerable adult is in the care of the church and you have any concerns you can contact **Carol Butler, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (07825167016)**
email c.butler@newcastle.anglican.org

You may think it necessary to contact

Children's Services & Vulnerable Adults Services

Northumberland Initial Response **One Call 01670 536400**

Out of hours **03456005252**

NSPCC **0808 800 5000**

Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 2000 247

Childline **08001111**

Samaritans 116 123

In cases where the child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger – contact police by ringing 999