



St Helen's
Bishopsgate

PCC policy statement A: responding to domestic abuse

ST HELEN BISHOPSGATE & ST PETER-UPON-CORNHILL

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All forms of domestic abuse are wrong and must stop. 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 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.

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.

Key contacts

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Ministry area leaders

Sunday morning meeting
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City of London Corporation Children and Families Team

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020 8356 2710 (weekdays after 5pm, weekends and bank holidays)

City of London Social Care Services

020 7332 1224 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)

020 8356 2300 (weekdays after 5pm, weekends and bank holidays)

Child Line

Freepost 1111, London N1 0BR

Tel. 0800 1111

(full number is just these 8 digits)

NSPCC

Child Protection Helpline,

0808 800 5000

Family Lives (previously Parentline) 0808 800 222

Domestic Violence Helpline (for females) 0808 2000 247

Mankind (for males) 01823 334244

FURTHER RESOURCES

- 'Protecting all God's children: The Child Protection Policy of the Church of England', 2010
- 'Policy for Safeguarding in the Diocese of London', 2015
- 'The Church of England, House of Bishops, Parish safeguarding handbook' – promoting a safer church, October 2018
- 'The Care Act 2014, and the Care and Support Statutory Guidance 2016' (Chapter 14)
- London Multi Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures 2015
- www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding