



DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY¹

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 victim/survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship;
- All victims/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 child 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 victims/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 of relevance to victims/survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

¹The Christ Church Network is the operating name of the Newland Christian Trust: a Christian charity (1101648) and Limited Company (04976143)

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 victims/survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

If you have any concerns you need to speak to:

Christ Church Newland Safeguarding Coordinator: Annette Benstead

Address: 16 Scholars Drive, Hull, HU5 2DB

Telephone: 01482 572698 Mobile 07949 923476 Email: nettebenstead@gmail.com

Christ Church Orchard Park Safeguarding Representative: James Belham

Address: 33 x 20th Avenue, Hull, HU6 9JH

Telephone Mobile: 07788 748329 Email: jamesbelham@hotmail.com

Christ Church Riverside Safeguarding Representative: Elizabeth Tearle


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Policy Adoption

This policy is adopted and will be reviewed annually by the Senior Minister and Network Elders.

Signed	Date
	21 March 2022
Print Name Scott McKay	Senior Minister

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	21 March 2022
Print Name Martin Buza	Network Elder

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	21 March 2022
Print Name Annette Benstead	Safeguarding Coordinator

Useful Telephone numbers:

- 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

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