

PARISH OF ST. HILDA WARLEY WOODS, DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

PARISH POLICY FOR RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE

This policy statement was adopted on behalf of all members of the congregation of St. Hilda's at a Parochial Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, 20th March 2018.

The policy statement will be reviewed each year. The next review is due in January 2019.


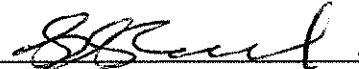
The policy statement is that agreed by the Diocese. A full copy of the Diocesan Policy on Domestic Abuse can be found on the Diocesan website:

www.cofebirmingham.com

The church appoints the following Lead Person to be a point of contact for advice and support regarding domestic abuse:

Anne Harris

Signed:

Incumbent:  Date: 25-3-18
Churchwarden: G.S. Poole Date: 25-3-18
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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, regardless of age, gender, disability, 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 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 of other agencies, support services, resources and expertise through providing information in public, women-only and men-only areas of relevance to survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse

When concerns are raised - ensuring that those who have experienced abuse can find safety and informed help and work 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 and identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR NEED TO TALK
TO ANYONE, PLEASE CONTACT:

ANNE HARRIS

Other useful contacts:

Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor	07342 993 844
National Domestic Violence helpline	0808 2000 247
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	0808 800 0028
West Mercia Women's Aid	0800 980 3331
Staffordshire Women's Aid	0870 2700 123
Black Country Women's Aid	0121 552 6448
Men's Advice Line	0808 801 0327
Galop [LGBT]	0800 999 5428
Action on Elder Abuse	0808 808 8141