

What to do if you think someone is being abused

If a child or vulnerable adult is at risk of immediate harm – **call 999 NOW**

Concerns

Suspicion or allegation of abuse by observation, victim disclosure, abuser disclosure, report by another person or anonymous communication.

Consult

If it does not delay referral, speak to the Incumbent or Parish Safeguarding Officer (if they are not implicated), then:

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser	01638 718939
	07785 621319 (out of hours)
and/or the Bishop's Office	01473 252829

Contact

Make a referral to:

Suffolk County Council Customer First	0808 800 4005
and/or the Police	101

Confirm

A written copy of your verbal referral may be required as advised. If you have had no response within 7 days of referring, telephone again.

Commit

Be prepared to provide further information as requested and commit to assisting as required until the conclusion of the investigation.

Record, Sign, Date