

ALL SAINTS' PARISH STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

Policy for Responding to Domestic Abuse

All forms of domestic abuse are wrong and must stop. At All Saints, 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;
- recognize equality amongst people and within relationships;
- enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently

Within our church community, we recognize 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, disability, gender, racial heritage, 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 it 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 behavior;
- working in partnership with children, adults and other agencies is essential in promoting the welfare of any child or adult suffering abuse.

At All Saints, we will endeavor 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, through providing information in public and women-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;
- identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators

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

Training

In addition to the Clergy and the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the JCC has agreed that all its members will undertake the on-line Domestic Abuse training module. Members of the Pastoral Oversight Team, who are not members of the JCC, will also undertake this module.

Raising Concerns

If anyone has a concern or needs to talk to someone, they can contact any of the above officers. Advice can also be obtained from the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Sign Posting

The East Riding's Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020 - 2023 can be accessed on:

<https://downloads.eastriding.org.uk/corporate/plans-and-policies/all-plans-policies-and-strategies/East%20Riding%20Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy%202020-23%20-%20Safe%20Accommodation%20Duty%20Update%202021.pdf>

For ease of access to advice or support, the following contacts may be of use, depending on the circumstances:

In an emergency **Dial 999**

- ERYC Domestic Violence and Abuse Partnership (DVAP) (office hours only)
DVAP@eastriding.gov.uk
Operational Team - 01482 396368
Confidential Helpline - 01482 396330
- Women's Aid (24 hours) - 0808 2000 247
- Men's Advice Line - 0808 8010 327
- Victim Support - 0808 1689 111
- National Domestic Violence Helpline (24 hours) - 0808 2000 247
- Hull Domestic Abuse Partnership (DAP)- 01482 318759
- Hull DAP Male Victim Support Service - 01482 613978
- Hull Women's Aid - 01482 446099

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