**RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING SITUATIONS**

**FLOW CHART**

You have information about a serious safeguarding situation

Most situations are not emergencies. Ensure if you can that immediate safety arrangements are in place for victim(s) with no contact with alleged abuser, and for others potentially vulnerable. Remember to protect yourself from harm too.

If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention, call the **emergency services on 999**. If there are concerns about their immediate welfare, don’t delay – **call First Response 01296 383962 (Children)** **or 0800137915(Adults)**



Follow the advice of the Local Authority, Police and your parish and diocesan advisers, and

co-operate fully with any investigation

Maintain confidentiality – don’t talk to others about it

BUT - look after yourself – debrief with your team leader, your incumbent or your parish safeguarding officer, and ask for further support if you need it

If you are advised to do so, refer to your Local Authority Children’s Services,

Adult Safeguarding Team (AST) or to the Police

If the information concerns potential harm by someone in the church, ensure the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is immediately informed

If you are unsure or worried about how serious a situation is, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser for guidance and reassurance **Richard Woodley 07391 868478**

Immediately inform your Parish Safeguarding Officer. **Denise Evans 07719 737971 or**

**Jane Wardale 07342 264666** where they are unavailable inform the incumbent

**Rev Will Pearson Gee 07802 950 464** or the leader of your team of your concern

Keep a secure written or electronic record of all your actions