

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

### Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. This implies a duty to value all people and therefore to protect them from harm. Our vision at Hope Church Hounslow is for our church to be a trustworthy and safe place for all our church members, friends and guests. We seek to do this by:

- **committing ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.**
- recognizing that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.
- **undertaking to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or adults at risk.**
- responding without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.
- **challenging any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.**
- seeking to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.
- **seeking to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.**

### Safeguarding Team



Fiona Smith  
Safeguarding Lead



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Vicar



Revd. Rajesh Mhaske  
Curate

If you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk, please contact:

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If you would prefer to speak with someone outside the church:

**London Diocesan Safeguarding:**

**020 7932 1224**

**Child line: 0800 1111**

**Action on Elder Abuse: 020 8835 9280**

**National Domestic Violence Helpline (for women and men) 0808 2000 247**