

Children can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an early stage can prevent abuse and neglect.

This leaflet is the first of 3 levels of training for people who work in either a paid or voluntary role with children in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. If they have not already done so, ask your employer to talk through this leaflet with you and tell you who to contact within your organisation if you have concerns. If you think you need further training talk to the person who gave you this leaflet or to your manager.

**NEVER KEEP CONCERNS
ABOUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY
TO YOURSELF**

CONTACTS

South West Child Protection Procedures
www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/
Our Safeguarding Children Partnership
<https://ciossafeguarding.org.uk/scp>

Emergency Services	999
Devon and Cornwall Police	101
Cornwall Children's Social Care Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 123 1116
Cornwall Children's Social Care - out of hours	01208 251 300

Keep this leaflet in a safe place you never know when you might need it



**Safeguarding
Children Board**

**CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN
in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

**KEEPING CHILDREN
SAFE**

No one wants to hear about children being abused, neglected or unsafe and that sometimes makes it difficult to respond so

Remember, **it could happen here**, so here are 3 important messages:

- 1 All children have a right to be safe no matter who they are or what their circumstances.**
- 2 Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.**
- 3 We all need to listen to children even though we may not always be comfortable with what we hear.**

Who should I talk to if I have concerns about a child?

Who to talk to if you have concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult:

Phone: 01503 262625

Name: Ashleigh Woollaston
Role: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) / **Safeguarding lead for all matters relating to staff and adults**

Cover DSL:
Scott Yalden
Ed Gilbert
Kate Jackman
Anna Sallows

Governor safeguarding lead:
Steve Guffick

If these people are not available, do not delay but contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet

REMEMBER

- It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child.
- Each agency will have someone who has a responsibility for child protection and safeguarding issues - they have had training to know what to do next.
- It is not your responsibility to investigate child abuse but you should tell the appropriate person within your organisation. It will be this person's job to decide whether to pass your concerns on. If necessary they will speak to Children's Social Care or the police. The police and social workers can then decide whether they need to investigate your concerns.