



Local Safeguarding Children Board

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

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 these three important messages:

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| 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?

Name: Claire Merrifield

Role: Child Protection Officer

Phone: 01209 216346

or

Name: Jayne Pascoe

Role: Deputy Children Protection Officer

Phone: 01209 216346

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.

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.swcpp.org.uk

Local Safeguarding Children Board Website

www.safechildren-cios.co.uk

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| Emergency Services | 999 |
| Devon and Cornwall Police | 101 |
| Cornwall Children's Social Care Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU) | 0300 1231 116 |
| Cornwall Children's Social Care - out of hours | 0300 1234 100 |
| Isles of Scilly Children's Social Care | 01720 424354 |
| Isles of Scilly Children's Social Care - out of hours | 01720 422699 |
| Cornwall Safeguarding Children Unit | 01872 254549 |

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

