

Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse

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This policy sets out the requirements and good practice advice for Church Bodies on developing healthy cultures, which prevent harm from taking place and ensure disclosures can be made safely when harm does occur. Importantly, it also outlines requirements and good practice advice for Church Bodies on the support that should be put in place for victims and survivors of church-related abuse within the Church of England.

The videos linked below summarise the content of the guidance. The first video provides an “Introduction” for all and the third video is addressed to all members of the Church who may witness abuse or receive disclosures of abuse, providing advice on how to respond well. The second and fourth videos are designed for victims and survivors of abuse and provide information on how to report abuse within the Church of England and the support options available to victims and survivors of church-related abuse:

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Advice on reporting abuse and finding support can also be found [here](#).

Overview

Recognising and disclosing abuse

Receiving a disclosure of abuse

Support Options

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