

## **Congregation of the Holy Spirit**

Spiritans, British Province

### **Safeguarding Commission**

# **Policy Statement**

- Our British province recognises the personal dignity and rights of children and vulnerable adults towards whom it has a special responsibility and duty of care.
- Our British province undertakes to do all in its power to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults and prevent their physical, sexual or emotional abuse.
- The Spiritans, British province, Safeguarding Commission will liaise closely with statutory agencies to ensure that any allegations of abuse are promptly and fairly dealt with and perpetrators held to account.
- Our British province will support victims of Spiritan/ clergy abuse. It will also give support to Spiritan/ clergy who are found to be victims of false allegations.

### If you have any concerns about the welfare of children or vulnerable adults please contact one of the following:

#### Fr. Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp.

Provincial Safeguarding Coordinator M: 0785 411 9016 E: safeguarding@spiritans.co.uk

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative: Police Tel:	
Social Services:	
Children Tel:	Vulnerable Adults Tel:
National Childline.	Tel: 0800 1111
NSPCC.	Tel: 0808 800 5000
Stop It Now!	Tel: 0808 1000 900
Action on Elder Abuse.	Tel: 0808 808 8141