



The Spiritans

British Province
Congregation of the Holy Spirit

*One Heart
One Spirit*

Policy statement

Our British province;

- Recognises that everyone has the right to live free from violence, fear and abuse;
- Acknowledges and will comply with all its responsibilities to safeguard children and adults at risk.
- Recognises the personal dignity and rights of children and vulnerable adults towards whom it has a special responsibility and duty of care.
- 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.
- 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.
- Will report all allegations of abuse, to the police within one working day;
- Is fully committed to supporting children and persons with vulnerabilities to achieve their full potential in an environment where they are protected from exploitation, abuse and maltreatment;
- Will support victims of Spiritan/ clergy abuse. It will also give support to Spiritan/ clergy who are found to be either perpetrators or victims of false allegations.
- Will publish details of who to contact if there are concerns about the welfare or safety of a child or adult at risk in Religious Communities or other settings in which missionary activity occurs.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of children or adults at risk, please contact one of the following:

Fr. Terkura Igbe, CSSp.

Provincial Safeguarding Coordinator

M: 0740 580 5128

E: safeguarding@spiritans.co.uk

Or

Edouardo Ushe

Assistant Provincial Safeguarding Coordinator

M: 07542668916

E: safeguardingoffice@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

RLSSS. Tel: 0151 556 2311