

Woolpit and Drinkstone Benefice
Procedure for dealing with Safeguarding Allegations.

1. Listen

Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.

2. Respond

Respond to concerns and allegations without delay in accordance with Diocesan Safeguarding procedures:

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- Offer reassurance, regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred,
- Report promptly (see below).
- Do not attempt to investigate.

If there is risk of immediate harm > Dial 999

For other safeguarding concerns or allegations of abuse:
contact Parish Safeguarding Officer Astrid Gale 01449 736081
or Karen Galloway, Diocesan Safeguarding Lead 07785 621319

3. Record

- Make brief notes as soon as possible after the occurrence.
 - Pass notes to Incumbent or Safeguarding officer
- Maintain confidentiality once concerns have been reported .