

WHAT IS ABUSE?

When we think of abuse we tend to think in terms of child sexual abuse – and this is, of course, a significant area.

However, abuse comes in many forms and can be broadly divided into the following categories:

- Sexual abuse
- Physical abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Psychological or emotional abuse
- Coercive control
- Spiritual abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Neglect (of child/other)
- Self neglect
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory abuse
- Organisational abuse



Any member of our congregation may be vulnerable to one or more of these so it is important we are mindful of them. One-page handouts with more details are available via your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Your Parish Safeguarding Officer is: