

HERTFORD AND HITCHIN QUAKERS

FOR SAFEGUARDING LEADS IN LOCAL MEETINGS: LOCAL, AREA AND NATIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Area Safeguarding Coordinator: Nick Needham email: nnickn@outlook.com

Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator: Clare Cooper email: clareecooper@btinternet.com, mobile 07538 454696

Thirtyone:Eight Helpline 0303 003 1111 Advice and support Monday-Friday 9am - 5 pm. Email: info@thirtyoneeight.org for non-urgent enquiries and training.

Due Diligence Checking (DDC) 0845 644 3298. To arrange DBS checks: www.ddc.uk.net

Hertfordshire Children's Services 0300 123 4043 (24 hr) if suspected child abuse

Hertfordshire Adult Care Services 0300 123 4042 (24 hr) if suspected abuse of a vulnerable adult.

Online: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/adult-social-services/report-a-concern-about-an-adult/report-a-concern-about-an-adult-form.aspx>

NSPCC 0808 800 5000 (will have discussion anonymously); email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit Calling 101 should automatically route you to the police in your area. Emergencies: 999.

Quaker Enquiries about Safeguarding:

Mark Mitchell (Safeguarding Officer)

Quakers in Britain

Friends House

173 Euston Road

London NW1 2BJ

MarkM@quaker.org.uk or Safe@quaker.org.uk

Disclosure and Barring Service register of offenders

Everyone who takes responsibility for children and young people in our Meetings, or who is performing a pastoral role with older people on behalf of the Meeting, must be DBS checked. Even if a local Meeting has no regular Children's Meeting, there should be two Friends checked and registered in case visiting Friends turn up with children.

The process of DBS checking is very straightforward. The Local Meeting Designated Friend for Safeguarding can guide you through the process with *Due Diligence Checking* and arrange for identity documents to be seen and approved. Your online form is sent off for police checks. Once an Enhanced Disclosure application has come back clear, you can register with the Online Update Service so that those you authorise can easily check your DBS status. This reduces the need for DBS checks to be applied for with different organisations.