

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY:

10AM–6PM

TUESDAY:

10AM - 6PM

WEDNESDAY:

10AM - 6PM

THURSDAY

12PM–8PM

FRIDAY:

10AM - 6PM

SATURDAY:

10AM - 6PM

SUNDAY:

CLOSED

Phone:

0300 303 1056

Website:

With link to Live Chat

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[https://
webreferrals.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](https://webreferrals.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/)

SAFE SPACES

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About Us

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

The concept for the service has come from survivors of church-related abuse. Survivors have been involved in designing the service, and in selecting which organisation should run it.

Confidentiality

The Safe Spaces service is confidential, and unless we believe there's a risk of harm or it's a legal requirement, we will always protect your confidentiality and not pass on your personal details or any other information that could identify you without your permission.

Who can we help?

Safe Spaces is for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales

Our Services are for people aged 18 or over, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the perpetrator is living or deceased. You do not have to have reported the incident to the Church authorities or the Police in order to access support.

You do not need to be a current active member of the Church in order to access support.

Our service is for people who have experienced any kind of abuse - this includes (but is not limited to) sexual violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, physical abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour.

How can we help?

Remote support is provided nationally through our helpline and Live Chat.

We can help with advocating with authorities and other agencies, giving you emotional support, providing information, understanding your needs and working together on individual support plans.

We can support you in reporting the abuse to the police.

Safe Spaces comprises a team of trained support advocates who have also undergone specialist training in supporting survivors of sexual violence.

The team have received additional specific training in how the churches respond to abuse cases, the way in which faith and church-related settings have been used to carry out abuse, and the particular issues affecting people who have had or still have, a relationship with the church.