



## **SAFEGUARDING ISSUES IN HOME VISITING: GUIDELINES**

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Pastoral visiting on behalf of the church is an outworking of our Lord's commandment to love one another. It is specifically mentioned in Matthew – the parable of the sheep and the goats: 'when I was sick or in prison you visited me'.

Informal friendly and neighbourly visiting and care goes on all the time in our parish. Within the church the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all is important. Inevitably, this sometimes means being alongside people who may be vulnerable or needy. At St Brandon's we want to ensure that such relationships are appropriate and safe at all times. Therefore, when people are visiting 'on behalf of' the church, they are expected to comply with St Brandon's safeguarding and good practice guidelines.

People involved in pastoral care on behalf of the church will:

- abide by the ACC (Association of Christian Counsellors) Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care ([www.pastoralcareuk.org](http://www.pastoralcareuk.org));
- have up to date DBS clearance;
- have completed appropriate safeguarding training; and
- expect to reflect with others on pastoral care issues which may arise for the church and for themselves.