



## Safeguarding Information

Hello, my name is **Maggie Guy** and I am a member of the **Sibford Support Group** offering advice and support on Safeguarding matters.

It is important to remember that keeping children and vulnerable adults safe is everyone's responsibility and even more so during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

In my experience, people often find it easier to talk over their concerns in the first instance, if they have a worry. Please do not hesitate to give me a ring on 07988 678 432 for an informal chat if you have safeguarding concerns about someone you know or are supporting.

If you are a volunteer for the Sibford Support Group and wish to have personal advice about keeping yourself safe, please give me a ring.

### **Immediate danger**

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

### **Immediate Concern**

If you have a safeguarding concern where you believe a child is at risk, the **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** is the 'front door' to children's social care and should be contacted on **0345 050 7666** or, **if outside of office hours, the emergency duty team** on **0800 833 408**.

### **Sexual exploitation**

If you think a young person is being sexually exploited, contact the **Kingfisher Team** on **01865 309 196**.

**You can find further Safeguarding information on**

[www.oscb.org.uk](http://www.oscb.org.uk)

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

There are huge benefits to keeping connected to friends and family during this time, but it is important to have conversations about staying safe online and to encourage your children to speak to you if they come across anything worrying.

Parents and Carers who would like information about keeping their children safe online can look at the government safeguarding advice by going on the government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and searching for Guidance – Coronavirus(COVID-19): keeping children safe at home.

There are also a multitude of resources providing guidance to keep children safe online: thinkuknow.co.uk ; Childnet; NSPCC; UK Safer Internet Centre.

Many parents find it daunting to know how to set up parental controls so you can manage what content your child can access online.

Information can be found on UK Safer Internet Centre and Internet Matters has provided some helpful step-by step guides for parents.

If your child is worried or needs support Childline (0800 1111) or their app 'For Me' can offer advice and support.

**Stay at home - stay connected - stay safe!**