

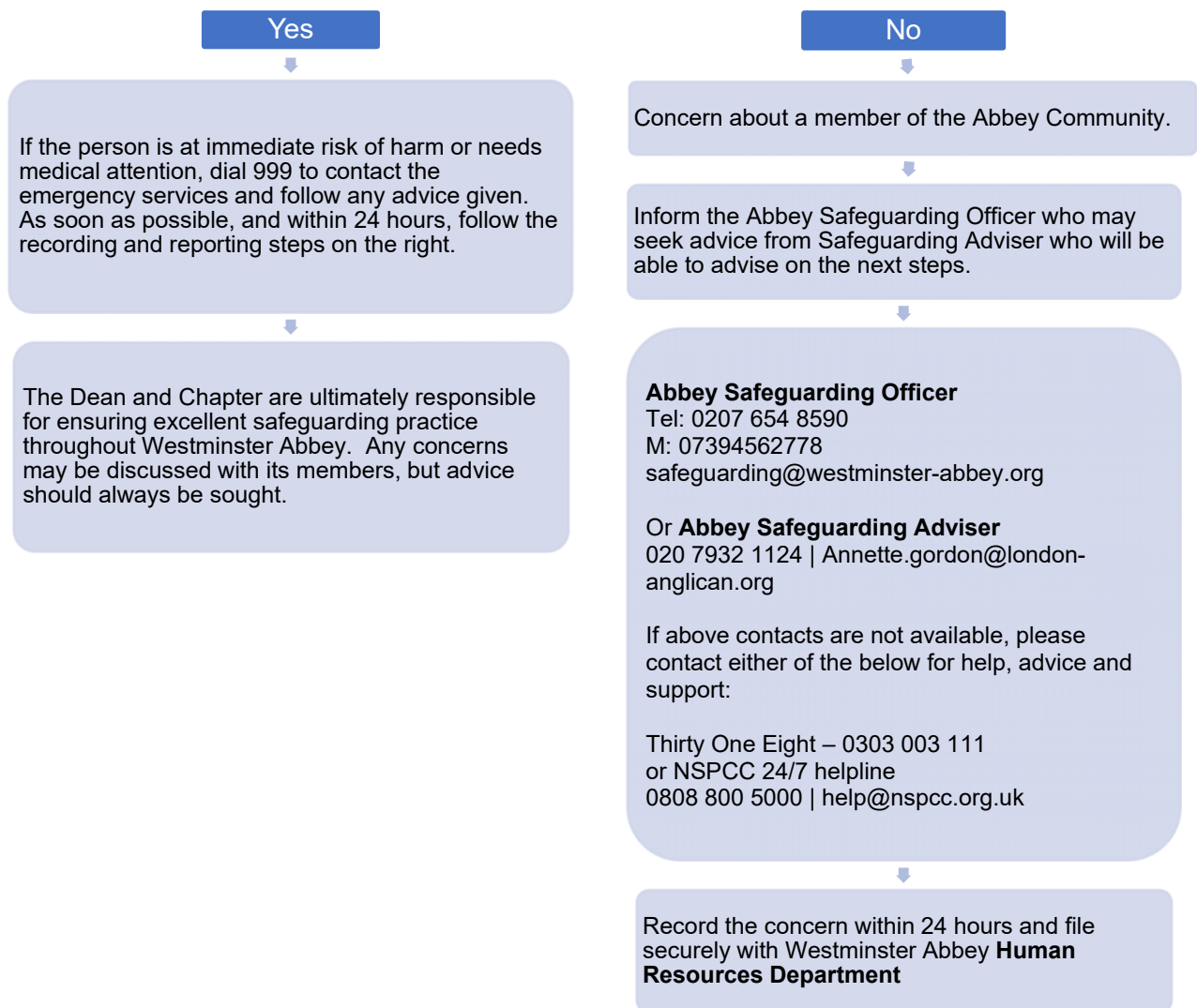


Safeguarding Procedures

Concerns about children, young people and adults at risk will be diligently and promptly responded to according to the Dean and Chapter's procedures, recognising the sensitivity it may hold for those involved. Where there is a concern, this should be reported to the appropriate person (the Abbey Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Abbey Safeguarding Officer) or advice sought (from the London Diocesan Safeguarding Team or the Thirty One Eight 24 hour helpline) immediately where possible, but at least within 24 hours. The flow chart below sets out the process you should follow and from whom you can seek assistance.

Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church Flowchart: Safeguarding Concerns¹

Is the child / adult at immediate risk?



All concerns reported to the ASO are shared with the Canon Steward, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter; and any concerns that are brought to the attention of the Dean and Chapter are shared with the ASO.

¹The procedures for Westminster Abbey Choir School are detailed in the [Choir School's Safeguarding Policy and Procedure](#).