

Advice from the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service : 26/03/20

Individuals wishing to set up services to help those who are self-isolating may want to make contact with their Local Authority Community Planning Partnerships or other Community links to assist with initiatives that are already in the process of being organised.

Q. Can our congregation help those self-isolating in the community?

A. Yes. However, there are a number of issues to be considered before setting up initiatives in the name of your congregation. For example:-

Volunteers

The Safeguarding Service would advise congregations to use those in the following positions

- Minister
- District visiting elders
- Ministries Development Staff (MDS)
- Volunteers on your church's congregational register (SG7)

Volunteers that might be considered as being in a 'high risk' group should not risk contracting the virus by offering their services.

'High Risk' groups are currently those individuals considered to have particular underlying health conditions, the over 70's and pregnant women.

Direct physical contact with those who have coronavirus symptoms should be avoided.

If you have recently delivered the card below to members in your elder district, and you are contacted by a member asking for your help, please make the Safeguarding Coordinator aware of your involvement *before* you carry out any contact as advice from the C of S Safeguarding Service can change from day to day.

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Hello! If you are in self isolation, can we help?

My name is

My phone number.....

My email address is

If you are self isolating due to COVID -19 can we help with

Shopping

Urgent supplies

A friendly phone call

Posting mail

Just call or text me and we will do our best to help.

Corona virus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2 m) distance. Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.