

## Carol Rushmere Counselling Services

## MBACP DIP Couns

## Child Protection Policy

I am trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. This training allows me to understand what constitutes abuse, the signs and symptoms of it and the avenues I need to take if I have concerns about anyone I come across in my work.

My number one priority is the safety of my client and concerns would be reported to either my Supervisor, the Police, Bromley Social Care, a GP or any other appropriate agency that may need to be involved. I would always try to discuss with you first unless this would put you in further danger.

In my work as a counsellor I may well work with victims of abuse and this will be explored sensitively and at a pace suitable to the client. Exploration of abuse can be difficult, my absolute priority is to your wellbeing.

There is a great deal of support out there for those who have experienced abuse and for those who have concerns about somebody.

A website I particularly like is NSPCC for support with children, you can also report any concerns you have about a child to the NSPCC anonymously.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/

Other Agencies in Bromley are:

Bromley Children's Social Care

Children's referral and assessment team

Email: mash@bromley.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8461 7373 / 7309

Fax: 020 8313 4400

Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH

**Police** 

999 for those in immediate danger or 111 as appropriate

