SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

United Reformed Church Thames North Synod

Synod Safeguarding Officer – Belinda Herbert

Thames North Synod's main safeguarding priorities:

1. To help churches navigate the complexities of safeguarding requirements and to provide advice
2. Ensuring that churches have the latest policies and procedures in place
3. Embedding safer recruitment practice
4. Responding appropriately to allegations and concerns
5. Delivery of quality and relevant training

The Lead Synod Safeguarding Officer is Belinda Herbert who oversees safeguarding both children and young people and adults. Belinda can be contacted on **0747 153 1977** or by email: safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Belinda is available during Office Hours. If you have an urgent safeguarding query or concern at any time you can get in touch with your Local Authority Children's Social Care or Adult's Social Care Teams. **In an emergency** or **if you are concerned that someone is at risk of harm or in danger, please dial 999 immediately and ask for the police.**

The Local Authority that Chingford URC is located, is the **London Borough of Waltham Forest:**

To Contact - Waltham Forest, if you are concerned about someone who works with children

The following contact information: - Last updated: 18 February 2026 - Next review due: 19 December 2026 - LBWF.

For advice and guidance about concerns and allegations against adults working or volunteering with children, contact Waltham Forest at:

Waltham Forest LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)
Contact details
0208 496 3646
LADO@walthamforest.gov.uk

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