



Diocese of Westminster

SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

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Role: Bereavement Home Visitor

Responsible to: (The Parish Priest, his Delegate or leader for that group)

Main Responsibilities:

- (a) To undertake specified training as directed by the Parish Priest to help in their role as a Bereavement Home Visitor.
- (b) To attend regular support meetings as arranged by the Parish Priest or Facilitator.
- (c) To ensure that good practice and ethical guidelines are being maintained as outlined in the training.
- (d) To provide one to one support to the bereaved, at their request, at least six to eight weeks following their loss.
- (e) To agree that notes will be kept separate and in a secure place to ensure confidentiality.

Person Specification:

- (a) A good listener with good communication skills
- (b) Non-judgemental
- (c) Ability to set clear boundaries with an awareness of the importance of confidentiality.
- (d) The ability to be with others, experiencing their feelings of loss without being overwhelmed.
- (e) The ability to listen without the need to explore or discuss, in detail, their own loss/es.

Guideline

If the prospective Bereavement Home Visitor has had a recent bereavement, it will be at the discretion of the Parish Priest or Facilitator to determine the time allowed before becoming a Bereavement Home Visitor.