As part of my safeguarding manager role, I may refer people to helplines who may be able to offer them assistance.

This February for the very first time the UK is celebrating Helplines Awareness Day



Helplines Partnership have worked with and helped support hundreds of national and international helplines over the years. <u>https://www.helplines.org/about/helplines-awareness-day/</u>

Paula Ojok, CEO of Helplines Partnership explains, "Helplines Partnership strives to raise awareness of the amazing work helplines do every day, which often goes unnoticed. We wanted to create an awareness day to ensure we continue to grow our message of how vital helplines are. The recent pandemic, cost-of-living crisis and other factors have left many people feeling isolated, awaiting support, advice or even treatment. However, helplines continue to be there, throughout the day and night, as a safety net for us all, whatever we may present with. As the membership body, we now want to support helplines by raising awareness and support for their services."



If you would like to read about just some of the helplines we suggest to visitors to our Cathedral, please take a look at our safeguarding page <u>https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/get-to-know-us/safeguarding/</u> and most specifically our links to national and local organisations document <u>https://admin.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Winchester-Cathedral-Safeguarding-Policy-links-to-National-and-Local-O.__.pdf</u>