## **Responding to Child Sexual Abuse**

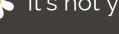


Children disclosing sexual abuse (including adults disclosing historical abuse) need to hear:

🐕 I believe you



🕺 It's not your fault



🐕 I'm sorry this happened to you



🔆 You're safe with me



It is important to stay calm, and allow the victim-survivor to speak - open ended questions are helpful



Document what you have seen and heard as soon as practical - memories may fade and alter



🔆 Every instance of child sexual abuse must be reported never take action into your own hands and always call 000 where there is immediate risk to any child

