

Safe Church FOUNDATIONS (LAY) ANSWERS

Question 1: What is the relationship between abuse and harm?

- ☐ Abuse and harm mean the same thing – either word can describe the action or impact of the action.
- ✱ Abuse is the action taking place; harm is the impact of that action.
- ☐ Abuse is the action taking place; harm is *only* the emotional response to the action.

Question 2: A child that regularly attends Sunday School appears sad, quiet and is not participating in the activities. The child discloses they are upset because a volunteer yelled at them and pushed them. What should you do?

- ☐ Listen to the child, but take no action.
- ☐ Don't believe the child as you know the volunteer well.
- ✱ Care for the child and use B.C.A.L.M to respond and report appropriately.

Question 3: Grooming refers to actions deliberately undertaken with the aim of befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a young or vulnerable person, to lower their inhibitions in preparation for sexual activity. Would parents and other adults also be groomed?

- ✱ Yes – to create a situation where the perpetrator can sexually offend the young or vulnerable person.
- ☐ No – grooming only impacts a young or vulnerable person.

Question 4: Which of the following would be an example of spiritual abuse?

- ☐ Enforcing a theological opinion that is opposite to the theology of the Church.
- ☐ Using language, including scripture or prayer to create fear and self-blame.
- ☐ Use of scripture to facilitate or justify subjecting a child to physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect.
- ✱ All of the above.

Question 5: Which of the following is **NOT** a sign of possible sexual abuse?

- ☐ Unexplained injuries to sexual body parts.
- ☐ Refusing to talk about 'secrets'.
- ✱ Gifts that are easily explained, such as for a birthday.
- ☐ Overly sexualised themes in artwork.