

Each of the Church of England's 42 dioceses has a professionally qualified [safeguarding officer/team](#) and are the first point of contact for any concerns or queries in their area. See [the national map](#) which has links to relevant contacts in your diocese.

The information below outlines the **national** structures and roles supporting safeguarding and providing scrutiny.

Lead safeguarding bishops

- [Bishop of Stepney, Joanne Grenfell](#) - Overall strategic lead, with responsibility for Church engagement, culture and governance.

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- [Bishop of Tewkesbury, Robert Springett](#), Deputy lead
- [Bishop of Birkenhead, Julie Conalty](#) - Deputy lead, survivor engagement

National Safeguarding Steering Group

The National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG), established by the Archbishops, has strategic oversight of national safeguarding activity. Its membership consists of a range of representatives from across the Church. The activities of the NSSG and membership are set out in its Terms of Reference.

National Safeguarding Programme - key safeguarding national workstreams

Independence and safeguarding

The Church is currently [responding to two important safeguarding reports](#) looking at ways forward on independence (including external scrutiny) and reflecting on lessons learnt on the former Independent Safeguarding Board, ISB.

National Safeguarding Panel

The [National Safeguarding Panel \(NSP\)](#) was set up in 2014 to resource the Church of England's leadership with high level strategic advice and to offer guidance on policies and practice in safeguarding seeking to ensure that the Church of England meets accepted best practice. The panel was independently chaired since 2018 by [Meg Munn](#) who [resigned from the role](#) in June 2023.

In November 2023 [an interim chair and vice chair were appointed](#)

National Safeguarding Team

The National Safeguarding Team (NST) manages complex safeguarding cases (involving a number of dioceses) and those relating to senior clergy including bishops and deans. The NST is also responsible for leading on House of Bishops policy and practice guidance, and developing safeguarding training.

- Director of Safeguarding - Alexander Kubeyinje
- Deputy Director, Development - Julie O'Hara
- Deputy Director, Strategy and Casework - Zena Marshall
- Deputy Director, Partnerships - Nathalie Ballard

The National Safeguarding Team can be contacted at safeguardingEO@churchofengland.org. Read the [complaints handling policy and procedure for the NCIs](#) and [associated privacy notice](#).

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