



A safer church

Safeguarding

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The Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Church has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the central organisation, its 42 dioceses and other Church bodies.

The Church of England will:

- Promote a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

NCI Safeguarding Privacy Notice Safeguarding Records Retention

More information

- Governance of safeguarding
- IICSA's Anglican Church in England and Wales investigation
- Resources and campaigns to help understand and promote good safeguarding.

Reporting a concern and finding support

How to report and raise concerns, and information about organisations and charities that support victims of abuse.

Next steps

Safe Spaces

A free and independent support service, for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church.

Get support

Interim Support Scheme

To give immediate help and support to survivors whose life circumstances are significantly affected by the abuse suffered.

Learn more and apply

Survivor engagement

Enabling survivors and victims of abuse to have a say and an active role in making the Church of England a safer place for all.

Learn more

Redress Scheme

The Church is currently in the process of developing national proposals for redress working with victims and survivors.

Learn more

Reviews and reports

Independent lessons learnt reviews, Past Cases Review 2 and SCIE audit reports.

Access the reports

National Safeguarding Standards

Documentation, resources and tools for the National Safeguarding Standards and accompanying Quality Assurance Framework.

Access the resources

Learning and development

A range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles in the Church of England to complete.

Explore the pathways

Safeguarding and independence

The Church is currently responding to two safeguarding reports looking at independence

Learn more

E-Manual, policy & practice guidance

Safeguarding Guidance and Codes of Practice

Learn more



25/04/2024

National Redress Scheme: Proposed financial award framework and approach to funding



16/04/2024

Independent co-chair for safeguarding Response Group appointed



First INEQE independent safeguarding audit report published



09/04/2024

Mike Pilavachi: Statement from National Safeguarding Team

2 min read

Contact the safeguarding team

- The **National Safeguarding Team** manages safeguarding cases relating to senior clergy including bishops and deans. Contact: safeguarding@churchofengland.org.
- There are **Safeguarding Advisers** in every Church of England diocese across the country and **Safeguarding Officers** in every parish. Use **Diocesan Safeguarding Teams map** to contact your local safeguarding team.

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