

Terms of Reference and Membership of National Safeguarding Panel

November 2014

Reporting to the Archbishops' Council and the House of Bishops, the National Safeguarding Panel does the following:

1. Resource the Church of England's leadership (Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops) with good high-level strategic advice and direction on safeguarding.
2. Ensure that Church of England safeguarding work meets accepted best practice in the UK and globally through assessing implementation and progress of safeguarding policies and practices across the Church in partnership with the Methodist Church and reporting back annually to the Archbishops' Council, the House of Bishops and the General Synod.
3. Request work and monitor progress made by the groupings established to support Church of England safeguarding work at national level, including the staff level National Safeguarding Delivery Group, the Joint Safeguarding Working Group, the Training Working Group or the Communications Committee as appropriate.

Membership (updated March 2018)

Members:

Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Lead Bishop for Safeguarding (Chair)
Ven. Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester (Senior Clergy Representative)
Amanda Edwards, Former Deputy Chief Executive at Social Care Institute for Excellence
Donald Findlater, Director of Stop it Now! UK and Ireland, Lucy Faithfull Foundation
Gary FitzGerald, Chief Executive of Action on Elder Abuse (vulnerable adult expert)
Baroness Valerie Howarth, Chair of Safeguarding Group, Livability
Ms Jo Kind, and Mr Phil Johnson, Joint Minister and Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivors (MACSAS) representatives
Chris Pearson, Chair of National Catholic Safeguarding Commission
Sir Roger Singleton CBE (formerly the Government's Chief Safeguarding Adviser)
Duncan Sheppard, Former Police National lead for Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Offender Management and Public Protection Group
Rt Revd Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham, Deputy Lead Bishop on Safeguarding for the Church of England
Graham Wilmer MBE, Founder, Lantern Project

Staff:

National Safeguarding Adviser
Director of Central Secretariat
Chaplain to the Archbishop of York
Head of Legal Office
Deputy National Safeguarding Adviser
Deputy Director of Communications (Safeguarding)
National Senior Casework Manager