

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
AMENDING CANON NO. 42 (SAFEGUARDING)

1. Canon C 30 (safeguarding) is amended as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3.
 - 2 (1) For paragraph 1(1) substitute—

“(1) The bishop of each diocese shall appoint a person (to be known as the “diocesan safeguarding officer”) to have responsibility in the diocese, independent of the bishop, for the professional leadership on and management of matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.”
 - (2) In paragraph 1(2)—
 - (a) for “advisors”, in each place it appears, substitute “officers”, and
 - (b) for “advisor” substitute “officer”.
 - (3) In paragraph 1(2), after paragraph (b) insert “;
 - (c) make provision for the professional supervision of diocesan safeguarding officers, and for the quality assurance of their work, by the body responsible for overseeing the implementation and operation of the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016”.
3. In paragraph 3(1)(a), before “persons” insert “bodies or”.
4. The amendments in paragraph 2 come into force in relation to each diocese on the day specified in relation to that diocese in the certificate given by the Archbishops’ Council to the bishop of the diocese and the diocesan board of finance.