

## PCC Safeguarding Lead<sup>1</sup>

### The PCC Safeguarding Lead is...

... a PCC member (e.g. Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, PCC Chair or other PCC Member) who is an 'advocate' for safeguarding at PCC meetings and ensures the PCC fulfils its safeguarding responsibilities in accordance with legislation and House of Bishops' and diocesan safeguarding policy.

The PCC Safeguarding Lead **DOES NOT** respond to safeguarding concerns – this is the role of the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

### The PCC Safeguarding Lead should:

- ensure the PCC discusses any safeguarding implications for the policies and activities it agrees
- keep up to date with changes to safeguarding in The Church and legislation to advise the PCC on fulfilling its safeguarding responsibilities - including safeguarding Serious Incident Reporting to the Charities Commission and parish insurers when necessary
- ensure the PCC has procedures for responding to concerns and allegations, implementing and monitoring appropriate safeguarding arrangements in its activities, supporting its volunteers and workers and holding them accountable
- ensure the PCC has a safeguarding action plan

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<sup>1</sup> Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, chapter 2, paragraph 3 requires organisations working with children and young people to appoint 'a senior board level lead with the required knowledge, skills and expertise or sufficiently qualified and experienced to take leadership responsibility for the organisation's/agency's safeguarding arrangements'