

Appendix 6

Confidential Declaration Form

Promoting a Safe Church:

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To be completed by those wishing to work with children or vulnerable people.

The Confidential Declaration Form applies to beneficed clergy, those who hold the bishop's licence or permission to officiate, employees, ordinands and volunteers who are likely to be in regular contact with children or vulnerable people. This form is strictly confidential and, except under compulsion of law, will be seen only by those responsible for the appointment and, when appropriate, the diocesan/bishop's adviser for children and vulnerable people. All forms will be kept securely under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you answer yes to any question, please give details, on a separate sheet if necessary, giving the number of the question you are answering.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence (including any spent convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974)?

Yes

No

Note: declare all convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands however old or whether you are at present under investigation by the police. Motoring offences that cannot be dealt with by a prison sentence need not be declared. Posts where the person is working or coming in to regular contact with children or vulnerable adults are exempt from the 'Rehabilitation Act 1974'. Convictions obtained abroad must be declared as well as those from the U.K.

2. Have you ever been cautioned by the police, given a reprimand or warning or bound over to keep the peace?

Yes

No

3. Are you at present under investigation by the police or an employer for any offence?

Yes

No

4. Has your name been placed on the Protection of Children Act (POCA), List 99 or the Protection of Vulnerable Adults List (POVA), barring you from work with children or vulnerable people?

Yes

No

5. Have you ever been found by a court exercising civil jurisdiction (including matrimonial or family jurisdiction) to have caused significant harm* to a child or vulnerable adult, or has any such court made an order against you on the

basis of any finding or allegation that any child or vulnerable adult was at risk of significant harm from you?

Yes

No

Note: Declare any finding of fact by a civil court that your actions have significantly harmed a child or vulnerable adult. Declare any court orders made on this basis.

6. Has your conduct ever caused or been likely to cause significant harm to a child or vulnerable adult, or put a child or vulnerable adult at risk of significant harm?

Yes

No

Note: Make any statement you wish regarding any incident you wish to declare.

7. To your knowledge, has it ever been alleged that your conduct has resulted in any of those things?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details, including the date(s) and nature of the conduct, or alleged conduct, and whether you were dismissed, disciplined, moved to other work or resigned from any paid or voluntary work as a result.

Note: Declare any complaints or allegations made against you, however long ago, that you have significantly harmed a child, young person or vulnerable adult. Any allegation or complaint investigated by the police, Children's Services, an employer or voluntary body must be declared. Checks will be made with the relevant authority.

8. Has a child in your care or for whom you have or had parental responsibility ever been removed from your care, been placed on the Child Protection Register or been the subject of a care order, a supervision order, a child assessment order or an emergency protection order under the Children Act 1989, or a similar order under other legislation?

Yes

No

Note: all these matters will be checked with the relevant authorities.

9. Have you any health problem(s), which might affect your work with children or vulnerable adults?

Yes

No

Note: Declare in confidence any health issues that may affect your ability to work with children or adults. This question is primarily intended to help you if you subsequently need to withdraw from work e.g. because of a recurring health issue.

*Significant harm involves serious ill-treatment of any kind including neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or impairment of physical or mental health development. It will also include matters such as sexual relationship with a young person or adult for whom you had pastoral responsibility.

Declaration

I declare that the above information (and that on the attached sheets**) is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

Full Name

Date Date of Birth

Address

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**Please delete if not applicable. Please return completed form to:

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Before an appointment can be confirmed applicants may be required to provide an enhanced/standard disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau – see incumbent or parish coordinator for details.

All information declared on this form will be carefully assessed to decide whether it is relevant to the post applied for and will only be used for the purpose of safeguarding children, young people or vulnerable adults.

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