



PARISH SAFEGUARDING HANDBOOK UPDATE

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Guidance in relation to the recent Parish Safeguarding Handbook (2018)

This guidance has been provided alongside the distribution of the recently introduced **Parish Safeguarding Handbook** in order to address any differences between the policy documents and to highlight relevant issues.

Policy documents

The recently introduced Parish Safeguarding Handbook: *Promoting a Safer Church*, outlines parish safeguarding responsibilities and is to be used in conjunction with **Manchester Diocese's Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy** which also includes guidance for Manchester Cathedral. Policy documents are available on the diocesan website safeguarding page.

Copies of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook have been distributed to parishes along with an A3 poster displaying details of who to contact in the event of any worries or concerns. The poster should be displayed in a prominent place in churches. Those with safeguarding responsibilities should be made aware of the safeguarding handbook and it should be placed at the back of church.

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook refers to a Diocesan complaints policy. Manchester Diocese is in the process of formulating a complaints policy which will be made available on the Diocesan safeguarding web page when it has been approved by Manchester Diocese Safeguarding Panel. In the meantime, complaints in relation to safeguarding matters may be raised with Helen Platts, Chief Operating Officer. Helen may be contacted via email at helenplatts@manchester.anglican.org or in writing at Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH.

Training

Manchester Diocese facilitates safeguarding training regularly at parishes across the diocese and dates of training are made available on the diocesan website. This training meets the requirements of both the foundation training (C1) and also leadership training (C2), ensuring that all those working with, and responsible for, the running of groups and activities for children and adults at risk are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.

What to do if you are concerned about a child or adult

The Parish Handbook refers to contacting statutory agencies outside of office hour when the DSA and Assistant DSA are unavailable. Manchester Diocese provides an out of hours service by 31:8 (formerly CCPAS) which delivers advice and guidance when the Safeguarding Team are not available. 31:8 may be contacted on 0303 003 1111.

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