



Safeguarding Policy Statement

In accordance with the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy, "Promoting a Safer Church"¹, the PCC of Sunderland Minster is committed to observe best practice in:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- The safer recruitment and ongoing support and management of all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

Sunderland Minster will:

- Continue to create a safer and more caring place for all people.
- Appoint a Minster Safeguarding Officer (CSA) and Deputy Minster Safeguarding Officer (DCSA) to work with the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the Minster.
- Display across the Minster premises, and on the Minster website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any who relate to, and spend time in, the Minster who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

The PCC of Sunderland Minster has appointed:

Graeme Jobs as Minster Safeguarding Officer, and is currently seeking to fill the vacancy for Deputy Minster Safeguarding Officer.

Policy Statement Adopted

Policy Statement to be reviewed

¹ The PCC of Sunderland Minster has adopted 'Promoting a Safer Church' as its own safeguarding policy. The full policy may be read here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/promoting-a-safer-church-policy-notes.pdf>