



Policy Statement for the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk of abuse

The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral recognise that the care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are involved in Cathedral activities is the responsibility of everyone, and that everyone who participates in the life of the Cathedral has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all.

We will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults and to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

We fully endorse and adopt the safeguarding policies of the Church of England ("Promoting a Safer Church 2017"), and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Statement 2017, that relate to children, young people and vulnerable adults, and which is based on the 5 foundations and 6 overarching policy commitments within those policies.

We are responsible for implementing these policies and associated practice guidance and will work collaboratively with the Diocese and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, and the Cathedral School, to embed and implement the policies throughout the Cathedral and its activities and ensure that all staff and volunteers are aware of and adhere to these policy and guidance.

Our commitment

The Cathedral is wholly committed to implementing the key principles of the safeguarding policies by:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting 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.



In all these principles we will follow the legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Procedures and guidance

This Policy Statement is supported by more detailed Practice Guidance and Reference documents which can be found on the Exeter Cathedral and Diocese of Exeter websites