



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 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 practise fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; 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 are based on 5 foundations and 6 overarching policy commitments.

We are responsible for implementing these policies and practice guidance and will work collaboratively with the Diocese and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Cathedral School, to support the implementation of the policies and embed them throughout the Cathedral and its staff in all its activities.

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 who 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

Signed on behalf of the Chapter of Exeter Cathedral:

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