

**Shrine Church of Ss. Peter & Paul and St Philomena
New Brighton**



Statement of Purpose Safeguarding

September 2021



Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena, New Brighton

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SAFEGUARDING

What is Safeguarding?

“The Catholic Church in England and Wales is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through the prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively.”

(Towards a Culture of Safeguarding 2012).

The Rector and Trustees are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. Every human being has a value and dignity which we, as Catholics, recognise as coming directly from God’s creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. Therefore, our Shrine Church must be a safe place of welcome where we support and protect one another. We must take particular care of those who may be vulnerable due to age, illness, disability or current and past experiences in their lives and respond compassionately to their needs to help keep them safe from harm. How we approach this is to follow the guidance and principles of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Services (CSAS), promoting this approach in parishes and encouraging appropriate training for all.

In creating this safe culture, the clergy and the laity have a role to play. Clergy are aware of their responsibilities around safeguarding and are now mandated to take part in a programme of training.

Mr Kevin Jones is the appointed Safeguarding Representative for this Shrine Church who has also undergone approved training.

The clergy and the Safeguarding Representative are supported by the Diocesan Safeguarding Office

The staff in the Safeguarding Office have a key role to play in ensuring that the Diocesan policies and procedures are disseminated and are in operation at all times.

This includes safe recruitment of all volunteers in parishes, groups and organisations; managing criminal record check applications as the Diocesan counter signatory for the national registered body with the Disclosure & Barring Service; providing ongoing training and resources in child and vulnerable adult protection with clergy, lay individuals and groups across the diocese.

In addition, at Diocesan level, links with Local Safeguarding Children Boards and Local Safeguarding Adult Boards are maintained and policy at a national level is influenced and developed through the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) and the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS).

However, safeguarding is a matter for everyone.

Wherever a child, young person or vulnerable adult is at risk or concerns are raised we have a duty to act to safeguard that individual and promote their welfare.

If you have concerns you can contact Kevin Jones, the Safeguarding representative, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, or, if there is immediate risk, the Police or Local Authority Children's/Adult's Social Services.

Our Shrine Church has a busy liturgical schedule but our activities extend beyond this as the church building is a unique landmark that attracts visitors whose attendance is perhaps not predicated by a desire to worship in the first place.

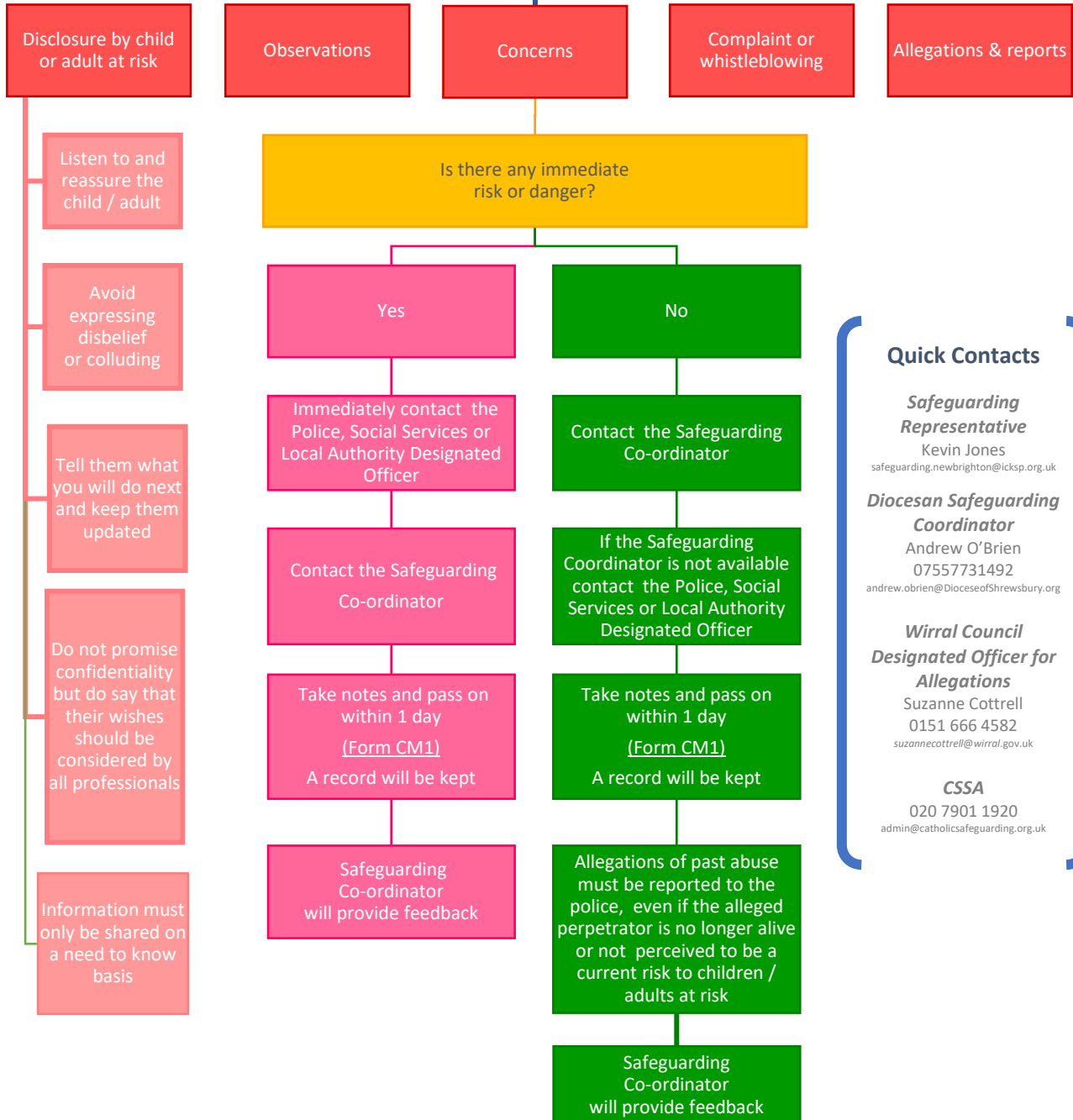
As part of the promotion of the church as a place to visit and learn about the place it holds in the heritage of the local community and simultaneously promote the Catholic faith, we encourage events and outreach. It has been agreed that the following will form part of this statement and as such will be our practice.

Safeguarding Policy for Community Outreach Projects

- Appropriate recruitment and induction procedures for all new volunteers responsible for providing safe environments for everyone attending 'community outreach projects' at the Shrine.
- Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults ought to possess suitable vetting clearing namely a Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) clearance.
- Where a volunteer does not have such clearance, deployment options should be referred to the Safeguarding Representative on a case by case basis.
- All volunteers wear a name and photo badge.
- During project events all teachers/parents/guardians/carers are responsible for the continuous care and supervision of their own children/pupils/vulnerable adults. If they are unable to attend personally, they must delegate their responsibilities to an identified adult and ensure that their children/pupil/vulnerable adults are aware of the identity and name of the person responsible for their care. This includes supervision throughout their visit.
- Photographs will only be taken with written permission of the responsible adult or carer.

**Allegation of harm of a child or adult at risk
by a member of clergy / religious / church personnel comes to light, including:**

- ❖ inappropriate behaviour
- ❖ possible harm caused to a child or adult at risk, or
- ❖ possible crime committed against a child or adult at risk



CHANGE HISTORY

September 2021	Initial release of statement.
25 January 2023	Amended 'Data & Barring Service' to 'Disclosure & Barring Service'.

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Your safeguarding
Representative is:

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Your Safeguarding Representative

*The Safeguarding representative
have special responsibility for
promoting good and safe practices in
all activities involving children,
young people and adults at risk.*

The Diocesan
safeguarding Coordinator
can be contacted on

Andrew O'Brien

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andrew.obrien@DioceseofShrewsbury.org

Immediate risk?

Merseyside Police

999 or 101

Wirral Council

Adult Social Care

0151 514 2222

Children's Social Care

0151 606 2008

Out of Hours Emergency

Duty Team

0151 677 6557

Find Out More

www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

www.diocesanwebsite.org.uk