



Church Safeguarding Lead

A church safeguarding lead plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people, and vulnerable adults within the church community. This individual is responsible for implementing and overseeing safeguarding policies and procedures, and for coordinating responses to safeguarding concerns. They act as a key link between the church, statutory agencies, and the wider community on safeguarding matters.

Key Responsibilities:

Policy and Procedure Implementation:

The safeguarding lead ensures the church's safeguarding policy is effectively implemented and adhered to, and that appropriate procedures are in place for reporting and responding to concerns.

Training and Support:

They ensure that all staff and volunteers working with vulnerable groups receive appropriate safeguarding training and support.

Risk Assessment and Management:

The safeguarding lead helps to identify and assess potential risks to vulnerable individuals and develops plans to mitigate those risks.

Incident Response:

They report any safeguarding concerns or allegations to the provincial safeguarding officer, or where an immediate threat is identified, the Police.

Promoting a Safe Culture:

The safeguarding lead works to create a culture of safeguarding within the church, promoting awareness, vigilance, and a commitment to safety.

Liaison and Communication:

They maintain communication and collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including the mission area safeguarding coordinator, church leaders, statutory agencies, and the wider community.