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*Safeguarding: Promoting a Safer Cathedral*

**SAFEGUARDING  
POLICY STATEMENT**

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### Policy Statement

We, the Chapter of Durham Cathedral, endorse fully the Church of England's safeguarding policy statement; "Promoting a Safer Church". This states:

"The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all."

Durham Cathedral requires that all those who undertake activities on behalf of the Cathedral are familiar with, and comply with, the Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy and procedures. Durham Cathedral provides all our people, including our Members of Chapter; clergy; staff; workers; volunteers; and scholars, with relevant and appropriate training, as well as access to professional safeguarding services, to ensure that we all are proactive in our approach to safeguarding and, as a minimum, we are compliant with our statutory responsibilities and policy commitments.

Durham Cathedral has adopted the Principles of the House of Bishops on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk who enter Durham Cathedral, which is based on the following six overarching policy commitments:

- 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 or present a risk to others.

Further information on Durham Cathedral and Church of England safeguarding policies and procedures is available and accessible via:

Safeguarding: Promoting a Safer Church

[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church-safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church-safeguarding)

Durham Cathedral Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

[www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/](http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/)

Chorister School Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

<https://thechoristerschool.com/>

Durham Cathedral's Chapter Lead for Safeguarding is the Canon Pastor.

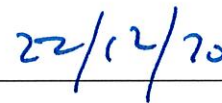
**If you have a safeguarding concern:**

- where there is a risk of immediate harm please contact the Police on 999.
- that requires immediate attention please refer to the 'Signposting' information on Durham Cathedral's website: <https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/>
- that you wish to share with Durham Cathedral please email us at [safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk).

Signed:



Date:



The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett  
Dean of Durham

On behalf of the Chapter of Durham Cathedral