



Southwell Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children, Young People and adults at risk in Southwell Minster

Members of this Cathedral church commit themselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of children, young people and adults at risk in its care.

1. It is the responsibility of the Cathedral staff, volunteers and members of the congregation to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional or spiritual abuse of children, young people and adults at risk and to report any abuse alleged or suspected.
2. The Cathedral is committed to supporting, resourcing and training all those who work with children, young people and adults at risk. It will provide supervision for workers because it recognises this as important in maintaining good practice and protection for those working with children, young people and adults at risk.
3. The cathedral will require, were appropriate, everyone directly responsible for children, young people and adults at risk to undergo an enhanced disclosure with the Disclosure & Barring Service and will adhere to the Disclosure & Barring Service's Referral Service legislation.
4. The Chapter adopts the House of Bishops' national Safeguarding policies and Practice, details are available on the Church of England website (<https://churchofengland.org/>)
5. Full copies of the Cathedral Safeguarding Policy are available on the Notice boards by the North Door of the Cathedral, the Vestry, Clergy Vestry, Song Room and in the offices of the Minster Centre.
6. Senior Staff Safeguarding Lead is Adele Poulson and The Cathedral Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Vicky Thorpe.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to Mrs Vicky Thorpe (Southwell Minster Safeguarding Coordinator) by email safeguarding@southwellminster.org or Contact via Minster Centre Tel: 01636 817285 if closed via the Vestry.

Vicky Thorpe has been appointed by Chapter to have a monitoring role concerning development of policy and practice. In consultation with Senior Staff Lead and the Diocesan Adviser **Donna Bernard-Carlin**.

Any suspicion or disclosure of abuse should in the first instance be reported to the Safeguarding coordinator (Mrs Vicky Thorpe) or if not available, to Cathedral Administrator, Canon in Residence. Where appropriate, the named person will seek advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.