



Safeguarding: Promoting a Safer Cathedral

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

Growing God's Kingdom is the vision and strategy of the Chapter of Ripon Cathedral. Jesus' own teaching and ministry show that the kingdom was central to his mission, as does his instruction to pray for its coming on earth as in heaven. This includes promoting fullness of life for all people. As Jesus said, according to St. John, 'I came that they may have life, and have it in its fullness'. The cathedral takes the safety of everyone within the cathedral very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the cathedral's safeguarding policy. In particular, the cathedral expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately in accordance with the cathedral's safeguarding procedures.

We the Chapter have adopted and follow the Church of England's safeguarding policy. We 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."

Ripon Cathedral requires that all our 'people' who undertake activities on behalf of the Cathedral are familiar with, and comply with, the Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy and procedures. Ripon Cathedral provides all our 'people' 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.

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

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

- 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 Ripon 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

Ripon Cathedral Safeguarding Team

Whilst the Dean and Chapter remain responsible for Safeguarding the day-to-day work is delegated to the Cathedral Safeguarding Team made up of:

Safeguarding Lead – Canon Pastor (CSL) Holds strategic leadership for Safeguarding across the Cathedral being the link between Chapter and the Cathedral Community.

Cathedral Safeguarding Officer – Safeguarding Professional (CSO) Provides professional safeguarding advice on concerns that are raised with authority to act independently of the Dean and other Cathedral staff and officers as per IICSA Recommendation. Undertakes safeguarding investigations.

Safeguarding Coordinator – Chief Operating Officer (CSC) Supports the SL in implementing operational leadership for safeguarding and integrating safeguarding into the functional running of the Cathedral as an employer, visitor attraction and historic place of worship. Supports in the implementation of safeguarding policy and procedures.

The SL and CSO are the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns.

Reporting a Safeguarding Concern to Ripon Cathedral

[Report a non-emergency safeguarding concern](#)

Telephone 01765 603583 or email safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0113 353 0257

If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention call the emergency service on 999.

**Remember the 4 R's
Recognise, Respond, Record & Refer**

The Very Reverend John Dobson
Dean of Ripon

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