

Uffington Group of Churches

Safeguarding Statement of the Lincoln Diocese

The Diocese of Lincoln is committed to ensuring that the very best practice in relation to safeguarding is delivered across the diocese, from the response of the local parish-based volunteer to the Bishop himself. We promote, without question, the working principle that Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. There is no excuse for anyone within the Church not to take very seriously their duties in respect of promoting the welfare and protection of anyone, child or adult, who is vulnerable.

Our own safeguarding Officer Elizabeth, may be contacted on 01778 344674 in complete confidence to discuss any Safeguarding issues



Elizabeth
Safeguarding Officer
West Deeping Church

What is the role of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)?

- PCC is required to sign up to Safeguarding Principles every three years (Copy of signed Principles on noticeboard in this church).
- The PCC has the legal responsibility to adopt, implement and monitor the safeguarding policies.
- The guidance suggests that the PCC appoint a parish safeguarding officer to assist them.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

- The safeguarding team's job is to offer advice and support regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults to those who are working with or for the Church of England in the Diocese of Lincoln whether they are members of the Clergy, Church Officers or PCC members, volunteers or paid staff.
- The team also supports people who make contact with the Church because they have been affected by abuse in their own lives and can arrange for specialist support and advice where this is necessary.
- The teams contact details:

Email: safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org

Phone: **01522 504068** Mobile: **07432 522412**

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Please remember

If you are worried about the safety of a vulnerable adult or a child, you should not delay in reporting the matter to the police or to the local authority teams, who are responsible for safeguarding.

Whilst the safeguarding team is happy to support you with this, you should never delay making a referral where someone may be experiencing significant harm. In an emergency call **999**.



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