

## Safeguarding at Derby Cathedral

- I. At its meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the Chapter of Derby Cathedral reaffirmed its commitment to the six overarching safeguarding policy commitments of the Church of England, as set out in *Promoting a Safer Church*, namely:
  - i. Promoting a Safer environment and culture;
  - ii. Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church;
  - iii. Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation;
  - iv. Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons;
  - v. Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons;
  - vi. Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.
2. The Chapter re-adopted the Safeguarding Policy of the Church of England.
3. The Chapter re-adopted the following pieces of Practice Guidance for Derby Cathedral:
  - a. Management of Offenders and those whose behaviour poses a risk to others.
  - b. Practice Guidance on Choir visits (previously Choir Tours).
  - c. Safeguarding Policies on visiting musicians
  - d. Safeguarding Policies on Cathedral Lay Clerks and Deputy Lay Clerks
  - e. Whistleblowing Policy
4. The Chapter appointed/re-appointed the following to particular roles in the Cathedral:
  - a. Chair of Safeguarding Committee – David Legh
  - b. Cathedral Safeguarding Lead – The Venerable Matthew Trick
  - c. Cathedral Safeguarding Ambassador – Peter Harrison
  - d. It was agreed that, in addition, other members of the Safeguarding Committee should be:
 

Diocesan Head of Safeguarding	Lisa Marriott
Dean (ex officio)	The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson
Cathedral Chief Operating Officer	Carol Thomas
Head of Operations	Jessica Kilmurray
Independent member	Ray McMorrow

The Chapter re-adopted the remit of the Safeguarding Committee:

To meet at least quarterly:

- a) Devising policies and procedures for Chapter approval
- b) Overseeing the day to day operation and monitoring of such policies and procedures
- c) Ensuring that appropriate vetting and training of volunteers and staff takes place
- d) Monitoring the care of children & young people and vulnerable adults
- e) Monitoring the oversight of offenders
- f) Creating a culture of informed vigilance
- g) Ensuring that any necessary action is taken swiftly
- h) Reporting to Chapter on a regular basis

**Signed:**

*Peter J. A. Robinson*

The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby

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