

## Catholic Association Safeguarding Policy

The Catholic Association safeguarding policy is to comply with all national standards and policies for the catholic Church in England and Wales, set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The national standards are:

Standard 1: Embed safeguarding in leadership, governance, ministry and culture.

Standard 2: Communicate the Church's safeguarding message.

Standard 3: Engage with and care for those who report being harmed.

Standard 4: Effectively manage concerns and allegations.

Standard 5: Manage and support subjects of concerns and allegations.

Standard 6: Implement robust human resource management

Standard 7: Provide and access safeguarding training and support.

Standard 8: Seek to continuously improve practice.

The principal policies cover safer recruitment, DBS processing, managing concerns and allegations and whistleblowing.

- Safer recruitment policy (which applies to volunteers as well as paid staff) [Practice-Guidance-Safer-Recruitment-1.docx \(live.com\)](#)
- A protocol for reporting & managing safeguarding concerns and allegations [Practice-Guidance-Management-of-Concerns-and-Allegations.docx \(live.com\)](#)
- Guidance on responding to a direct disclosure [Practice-Guidance-Recording-a-disclosure-or-allegation.docx \(live.com\)](#)
- A form for reporting incidents [CM-1---Referral-form-1.docx \(live.com\)](#)

The Catholic Association will comply with the guiding principles contained within CSSA produced practice guidance.

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