THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has a zero-tolerance approach to all abuse.

Reporting abuse

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

As per the code of conduct, if you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you **must** refer allegations directly to the Safeguarding Team in your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and to the Diocesan Safeguarding office on 0121 230 6240 (safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk).

All Church activity should provide a safe environment which promotes and supports the wellbeing of everyone and protects them from harm.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has committed to a common set of national safeguarding standards to help protect children and adults who may at risk. Each Diocese has a Safeguarding Team and a Trustee Subcommittee, which has oversight of that work.

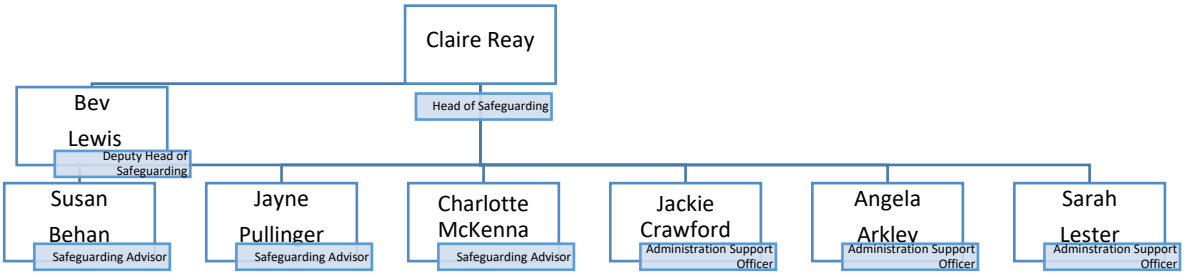
Each parish has a Safeguarding Representative(s). They provide the link between the parish and the Safeguarding Team, promote safe practice in all activities involving children and adults and advise on safeguarding matters in the parish.

Please check your parish notice board or website for details of who to contact in the parish.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

0121 230 6240, safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

They provide advice to safeguarding representatives and parish priests and manage more serious safeguarding concerns. They have responsibility for Diocesan-wide policy, practice and training and safer recruitment processes.



Online Safeguarding Training CSSA Level 3 free to access, see registration via Home or visit CSSA catholicsafeguarding.org.uk and find section for training