

Statement of Safeguarding St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Anglican Cursillo

(as approved by the Bishop's Safeguarding Panel, March 2016)

Lay Director: Sarah Lock

Priest with Pastoral Charge: Rev Canon Julia Lall (Diocesan Spiritual Director)

Safeguarding Officer: Serving Lay Director assumes overall responsibility, with Lay Rector taking day to day responsibility over a Cursillo 2 or 3-day weekend.

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Anglican Cursillo recognises that the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount and that we have a duty of care when they are in our charge. We will do everything that we can to provide a safe and caring environment whilst they attend our activities.

We will:

- ✓ Treat all people, including children, young people and any vulnerable adults and groups with respect and celebrate their achievements.
- ✓ Recruit and select all those working with pilgrims or groups on our behalf in accordance with Church of England Practice Guidance on Safer Recruitment.
- ✓ Provide a code of conduct for all staff to include the assessment of risk for key roles when working with pilgrims.
- ✓ Respond to concerns and allegations without delay in accordance with Diocesan Safeguarding procedures.
- ✓ Issue a copy of this Safeguarding policy to all who sponsor a pilgrim on a 3-day weekend.

Concerns

When there is a disclosure of harm or there are concerns about the welfare of any pilgrim or Cursillista, all adults in our Cursillo community are expected to share their concerns and allegations with:

- The Safeguarding Officer, Lay Rector or Spiritual Director.

Any referrals should be made **without delay** to:

- Suffolk County Council Customer First - **0808 800 4005** (Freephone from landlines and some mobiles).
- If a child, young person or vulnerable adult is at risk of immediate harm, the police should be immediately informed – **999**.

Allegations

Additionally, in accordance with diocesan safeguarding procedures, all allegations against staff or volunteers should also be referred to Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (07785 621319) by Lay Rector or Spiritual Director at the earliest opportunity. If the Lay Director or Spiritual Director are implicated then Safeguarding officer should be informed and, following Diocesan procedures, inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on 07785 621319 **without delay**.

The safeguarding officer is responsible for:

- Helping to ensure that all those who work with Pilgrims or existing Cursillistas on behalf of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Cursillo are aware of the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures. These are available from the Diocesan Website www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding
- Helping to ensure that all those who work with Pilgrims or existing Cursillistas receive diocesan safeguarding training, as appropriate.
- Ensuring that all staff serving on a weekend have undertaken Safeguarding training to a minimum of Basic Awareness standard, previously known as C0. Table Leaders should also undertake the Foundation Training previously known as C1 Course are available online via the Diocesan website www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding then click on the 'Training' menu.

Safeguarding code of conduct for parishes

In our Cursillo community we will

- ✓ Treat all with respect and dignity.
- ✓ Ensure that their welfare and safety is paramount at all times.
- ✓ Always act in a professional way and not accept bullying.
- ✓ Liaise openly (where it does not place a child, young person or vulnerable adult at risk) with sponsors and carers.
- ✓ Only use physical contact in an entirely appropriate manner.
- ✓ Avoid being alone with vulnerable adults, children and young people (unless it is absolutely necessary to do so).
- ✓ Listen to, and act upon, any disclosures/allegations/concerns that a Pilgrim or existing Cursillista has been harmed.
- ✓ Ensure that all those serving within Cursillo, in any role, receive the appropriate diocesan safeguarding training.

For people with key roles working with children and/or young people:

- Supervision should be in place to ensure that the code of conduct is being followed.
- Issues concerning the management of Pilgrims such things as one-to-one working should be discussed and risk-assessed by the Secretariat in light of this code of conduct and processes followed in line with the Diocesan reporting structure giving in their flowcharts (which form part of this policy statement)
- A clear statement should be made regarding the non-compliance to the code of conduct by individuals, e.g., 'Non-Compliance will automatically lead to the person being suspended from working with children, young people or vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish or benefice'. Any concerns about that person's behaviour regarding children, young people or vulnerable adults will be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and/or the police without delay.

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