

Promotion of Safeguarding Links on Parish Websites & A Church Near You:

It is not essential to have full safeguarding details on the home page of your website, it is perfectly acceptable for the word 'Safeguarding' to be a link from the homepage, either across the top or in an easily accessible drop-down menu. The link should be clearly visible on the homepage, but the whole information does not need to appear on the home page itself, as long as it is available when someone clicks on the link. Clicking that link should take someone to a further page which contains more detailed safeguarding information, including contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and a clear statement of the parish's commitment to safeguarding. If possible, a link to the [Safeguarding - Diocese of Carlisle](#) should be included. This should also be reflected on any A Church Near You sites.

Some suggested wording for your statement of commitment to safeguarding is below:

"Our parish of [name] is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Our Diocese of Carlisle's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer who advises our PSO. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm, please contact the PSO [add their details or link to a page that shows the info] or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer [add their details here or link to your own page that shows the info or the diocesan safeguarding page]. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority's children or adult social care services."

Thank you for your continued support and all the valuable contributions you make to the Diocese.