Safeguarding at Christ Church Cathedral:
Quick Reference Guide
‘The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all.’

(from the introduction to Promoting a Safer Church, CoE, 2017)

Christ Church Cathedral has adopted the Safeguarding policy statement for children, young people and adults: Promoting a Safer Church (House of Bishops) 2017 and is committed to:

• Promoting a safer environment and culture;
• Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults;
• Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation;
• Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons;
• Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons;
• Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

If you have any concerns for the safety and wellbeing of others or yourself (including safeguarding concerns past, present or in relation to the likelihood of harm) or if you have concerns about the conduct or behaviour of a ‘church officer’ member of staff or volunteer, or of other visitors to the Cathedral, then please report them directly to a member of the Cathedral staff (such as a verger, a volunteer, the Visitor Officer, the Education Officer) or to one of the Cathedral Safeguarding Leads – or to someone you trust to act.
Useful Contacts

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Cathedral Safeguarding Leads
John Briggs  
john.briggs@chch.ox.ac.uk  01865 286846

Canon Sarah Foot  
sarah.foot@chch.ox.ac.uk  01865 286078

Cathedral Safeguarding Officer
Canon Graham Ward  
graham.ward@chch.ox.ac.uk  01865 286334

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor/Team
Lisa Wilkins, interim Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor:  
lisa.wilkins@oxford.anglican.org  01865 208290

Local Authority Children’s services
Local Authority Adults’ services
MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)  0345 050 7666

If there is an emergency or immediate risk or danger, then contact the Police on 999 or 101 (non-emergency).

Other useful numbers:

Childline  0800 1111
NSPCC  0808 800 5000
Silverline  0800 4708090
Samaritans  116 123