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MEET THE TEAM

Your Safeguarding Team

The Diocese of Sodor and Man Safeguarding Team is led by Abbey Clephane-Wilson (pictured left), who also serves as Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese of Manchester, alongside Lisa Morris (pictured right), Safeguarding Support Officer for the Diocese of Sodor and Man. While Lisa remains the primary local contact for parishes, and day-to-day safeguarding enquiries should be directed to her, Abbey provides leadership for the diocese's safeguarding arrangements.

Having recently taken on the role of Safeguarding Lead for Sodor and Man, Abbey shares a little about her background and outlines her responsibilities across both the Manchester and Sodor and Man safeguarding teams.

“Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. It is at the heart of our church communities where we want people to feel safe, valued, heard and listened to. It is about creating environments where people feel they can raise concerns and know that any concerns they raise will be responded to appropriately and sensitively whilst ensuring support for all involved.

“By way of introduction, my father is a non-stipendiary minister, and I was brought up as part of a church community. My background is in social work, and I have worked in the role of Safeguarding Officer for Manchester Diocese for 11 years, supporting churches in promoting safer environments.

“I am supported by a team at Manchester which includes Kathryn Ford (Head of Safeguarding and Parish Engagement), Amanda Howard (Safeguarding Administrator), and Sammie Wright and Shonagh Montgomery (Case Workers).

“We look forward to extending our safeguarding service to the Diocese of Sodor and Man and I look forward to working alongside Lisa to support her in continuing to develop your positive culture of safeguarding.”



Diocese of Sodor and Man Safeguarding Vision



VISION

Our Vision for Safeguarding

Earlier this year, the [Vision for Safeguarding](#) in the Diocese of Sodor and Man was launched at a special service of worship, prayer and reflection. Prepared over a period of discussion, discernment and prayer, the Safeguarding Vision embodies the ethos and values that are integral to Christian faith, as demonstrated in the example and teaching of Jesus Christ. It accompanies our revised [Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Practice Statement](#).

Both of which can be seen via the diocesan website
<https://www.sodorandman.im/embracing-safeguarding-vision-for-the-diocese/>



DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Safeguarding Development Group

Thank you to everyone in our Safeguarding Development Group who are championing safeguarding in the Diocese of Sodor and Man. Pictured above from left to right: Andrew Cole (Independent Chair), Lisa Morris (Diocesan Safeguarding Support Officer), Cat Macdonald (HR Consultant), Tony Connell (Diocesan Secretary), Abbey Clephane-Wilson (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer), and David Sweet (PSO Representative).

Not pictured: Revd Ruth Walker (Clergy Representative).



EVENTS

Parish Safeguarding Officer Appreciation Evening

To recognise and celebrate the dedication of our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs), they were recently welcomed to Bishop's House to join Bishop Tricia and parish clergy, who gave thanks for the vital role they play in creating safe and welcoming parish communities.

The gathering was also an opportunity to thank Tony Connell, retired Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, for his years of service and leadership. Alongside Lisa Morris, Tony has played a key role in nurturing and embedding a culture of safeguarding and safe care throughout the diocese.

What to do if you are worried or concerned

If someone is in immediate danger

If you have information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger, or requires immediate medical attention, call the emergency services on [999](#).

If there is no risk of immediate harm

If you have any safeguarding concerns, the first step is to contact one of the following within 24 hours:

During Office Hours

Lisa Morris, Diocesan Safeguarding Support Officer
by email: lisa.morris@sodorandman.im
or by phone: [07624 494688](tel:07624494688)

Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org

You can also call our reception team on [0161 828 1400](tel:01618281400) and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team. The team is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Outside Office Hours

For urgent safeguarding enquiries outside of office hours, please call our partners Thirtyone:eight on [0303 003 1111](tel:03030031111) (option 1) for confidential advice, guidance and support.