



LATEST SAFEGUARDING POLICY UPDATES

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The following text was added to Child and Adult Safeguarding Policies for ROI and NI:

Best safeguarding practice by the Church in respect of convicted child sex offenders requires that they should not hold representational roles as this can be perceived to convey a position of authority by other members of the Church, both children and adults. This can be particularly sensitive and potentially hurtful for anyone who has been harmed by a sex offender.

An individual who has been the victim of a sexual offence may have to manage lifelong consequences arising from that harm and their needs should be prioritised. It is therefore regarded as inappropriate that someone with a conviction for a sexual offence would hold any role on a decision making body in the Diocese or in Church leadership of any sort, even when that role does not involve contact with children.

The policy updates can be found at these links -

ROI: [Adult Safeguarding](#) / [Child Safeguarding](#)

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