THE SOCIETY OF ALL SAINTS SISTERS OF THE POOR

All Saints, 44 Denmark Road, London W13 8RG

SAFEGUARDING POLICY – 2026

Contacts

The Society of All Saints DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING PERSON (DSP) is:
PHILIPPA BURNE **07887 984415 emergency only** **Email: safeguarding@socallss.co.uk**

In her absence, the SAFEGUARDING TRUSTEE is:
JO LYLE **07966 369019** **Email: jo.lyle@outlook.com**

The Community Leader is:
SISTER JANE **07706 382345** **Email: leaderassp@socallss.co.uk**

Principles

The Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor (Charity Registration Number 228383) is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children and adults with whom we come into contact.

We support, and are in full agreement with, the Safeguarding Policy of the Church of England in that every person has value and dignity. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God, and therefore a duty to protect them from harm.

Sisters should expect to be treated with dignity and respect, and they should treat others in the same way.

We are committed to establishing a safe, caring community which provides a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse, and find support and best practice that contribute to the prevention of abuse.

To this end:

- We will carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within the Society, in line with the principles of safer recruitment.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint which relates to anyone who may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care and support where appropriate.
- We will seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm or abuse.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility.

In keeping with the above, we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice in the latest publication of 'Practice Guidance: Safeguarding in Religious Communities', the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church', and the Diocese of Oxford's 'Dignity and Respect in Ministry and at Work'.

Procedures

All Sisters, Trustees and employees will have been checked through the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and instructed on the Society's policy for Safeguarding.

The Community Leader and the DSP (Designated Safeguarding Person) appointed by her have particular responsibility for Safeguarding, and any allegation, suspicion, or admission of abuse should be reported promptly to the DSP or, in their absence, to the Trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding.

In responding to a person alleging abuse, the individual must be allowed to speak without interruption but they should be advised that other people must be informed and consulted.

Under no circumstances should anyone becoming aware of any allegation, suspicion or admission of abuse carry out their own investigation. Apart from reporting the matter to the DSP or the Safeguarding Trustee, they should take no further action in their own right.

Written records should be kept at all stages in the process by the person initiating the process as well as by the DSP/Safeguarding Trustee, recording what has been said and what has been done in responding to a complaint. Records should be kept in a safe place by the DSP/Community Leader.

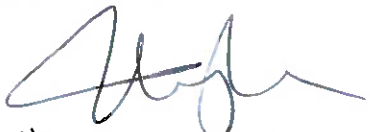
Any allegation, suspicion or admission of abuse must be reported by the DSP (or in their absence, by the Safeguarding Trustee) to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

If an allegation of abuse is made against a member of our community or someone living and/or working with us, the person against whom the allegation has been made will be withdrawn from all contact with the adult or child concerned, or any other adult or child as appropriate, and the matter will be referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor as outlined above.

Becoming a Trustee

If a Sister is approached by any organisation to become a Trustee:
a) the appointment must be discussed and agreed by the Chapter
b) the Sister must complete any appropriate training as agreed with the Designated Safeguarding Person for the Society.

This Safeguarding Policy has been adopted by The Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor.
It is reviewed annually.

Signed:  Date: 31/3/26

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On behalf of the Trustees