



Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

2016 No. 1

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

5 Guidance

- (1) A relevant person must have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.
- (2) Each of the following is a relevant person—
 - (a) a clerk in Holy Orders who is authorised to officiate in accordance with the Canons of the Church of England;
 - (b) a diocesan, suffragan or assistant bishop;
 - (c) an archdeacon;
 - (d) a person who is licensed to exercise the office of reader or serve as a lay worker;
 - (e) a churchwarden;
 - (f) a parochial church council.
- (3) In section 8(1) of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (acts or omissions constituting misconduct)—
 - (a) after paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) failing to comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults);”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after “failing to do any” insert “other”.
- (4) In Part 2 of the Church Representation Rules (parochial church meetings and councils), in rule 9 (business), after paragraph (2) insert—
 - “(2A) The annual report referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall include a statement as to whether the council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the

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Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)."