



Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

2016 No. 1

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

[F15A Code of Practice

- (1) The House of Bishops must issue, and may from time to time revise, a code of practice for relevant persons on safeguarding 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;
 - (b) an archbishop;
 - (c) a diocesan, suffragan or assistant bishop;
 - (d) an archdeacon;
 - (e) a person who is licensed to exercise the office of reader or serve as a lay worker;
 - (f) a churchwarden;
 - (g) a parochial church council;
 - (h) the Chapter of a cathedral;
 - (i) the Diocesan Board of Education for a diocese (see subsection (8));
 - (j) the Diocesan Board of Finance for a diocese;
 - (k) any other diocesan body as defined by section 19(1) of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007;
 - (l) a body established to carry out a mission initiative as defined by section 80(1) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011;
 - (m) a person who is an officer or member of staff of the Archbishops' Council, or who provides services to the Archbishops' Council, and whose work to any extent relates to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, Section 5A. (See end of Document for details)

- (n) a person who works (on any basis) in a diocese or parish, or at a cathedral or for the purposes of a mission initiative, and whose work to any extent relates to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
- (3) The code may impose requirements on relevant persons and may give guidance to relevant persons on compliance with those requirements.
- (4) A relevant person must, accordingly, comply with a requirement imposed on that person by the code.
- (5) The code may specify exceptions to any requirement it imposes.
- (6) The code may also authorise a person of a specified description to make an exception, in the case of a particular relevant person, to a requirement imposed by the code; and the relevant person in question may rely on that exception as if it were specified in the code.
- (7) The House of Bishops may, for the purposes of subsection (1), issue and revise separate codes for different matters; and, where there are separate codes, a reference in this or any other Measure, or in an instrument made under a Measure, to the code under this section is to be read as a reference to each or any of those codes.
- (8) The reference in subsection (2)(i) to the Diocesan Board of Education for a diocese is a reference—
 - (a) where the Board is a company or charitable incorporated organisation, to the Board itself;
 - (b) where the Board is an unincorporated body, to a member of the Board;
 - (c) where the Diocesan Board of Finance for the diocese is designated as the Diocesan Board of Education under section 3 of the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021, to a member of the committee established by virtue of that section.
- (9) The Archbishops' Council may by order amend this section so as to add, vary or omit a category of relevant person; and section 6 applies to an order under this section as it applies to an order under that section.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 5A-5C inserted (1.3.2022) by [Safeguarding \(Code of Practice\) Measure 2021 \(No. 3\)](#), ss. **1(1)**, 3(3); S.I. 2022/118, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, Section 5A.