

To: The Bishop of the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance

Certificate for the purposes of clause 4 of Amending Canon No 42 (Safeguarding)

The Archbishops' Council hereby certifies for the purposes of clause 4 of Amending Canon No 42 (Safeguarding) that the Diocese of Portsmouth has met the criteria for certification namely:

1. a Diocesan Safeguarding Officer job description that meets the DSO Regulations has been approved by the National Safeguarding Team;
2. a designated Diocesan Safeguarding Officer has been appointed and their contract of employment includes the requirement to participate in supervision;
3. the National Safeguarding Team have approved the arrangements for covering the functions of the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer in the event of their absence;
4. the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer has completed training on the 4x4x4 supervision model provided by the National Safeguarding Team;
5. the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer has completed training to address any identified skills gaps between the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Diocesan Safeguarding Officer roles;
6. a supervision agreement between the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer and the relevant National Safeguarding Team Regional Safeguarding Lead has been signed;
7. an individual with responsibility for safeguarding in Portsmouth Cathedral has been identified and an agreement put in place for the management of safeguarding between Portsmouth Cathedral and Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance (a copy of which has been seen by the Regional Safeguarding Lead); and
8. 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' access to the Diocesan safeguarding casework management system has been granted to the Regional Safeguarding Lead.

Signed on behalf of The Archbishops' Council

Signature: 

Date: 28th May 2025

William Nye
Secretary General