

## **The Diocesan Safeguarding Panel**

The role of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, which includes not only the paid staff but also the officers and volunteers who sit on the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel and the volunteer Safeguarding Officers within our parishes and benefices, is to ensure as far as possible that the Church is a safe place for everyone to come and worship, and to hear the Word of God. This includes children, adults who might be at risk of harm or exploitation, and those who may have harmed others in the past but are now seeking a new life in Christ.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has stated that *“the care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church and is an essential part of our commitment to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church therefore has a role to play in promoting a safer Church for all.”*

The Bishop of Bath and Wells is responsible for approval of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel Terms of Reference (ToR) and the Panel membership. The Bishop will use the advice, guidance, expertise and recommendations of the Panel in making decisions on any safeguarding matters within the Diocese.

### **Diocesan Safeguarding Panel members (Diocese of Bath and Wells)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ted Allen	Independent Chair
Glenys Armstrong	Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Gillian Buzzard	Head of Communications – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Julian Brandon	Avon and Somerset Police
Vicky Christophers	Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Tony Cook	Assistant Director of Education and Go Team Leader – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Jackie Croft	Cathedral Chapter Clerk and Administrator – Wells Cathedral
Graham Dodds	Bishops’ Chaplain
Peter Evans	Assistant Diocesan Secretary – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Caroline Fell	Family Law Solicitor
Anthony Goble	Local Authority Designated Officer – Somerset Council
Margaret Hamilton	Independent Psychotherapist (and retired Probation Officer)
Patricia Hellier	Counsellor and CQC Representative
Helen Humphreys	Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – Diocese of Bath and Wells
Jenny Wakefield	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Adrian Youings	Archdeacon of Bath