

Julian Hodgson – Diocese Safeguarding Adviser



I am a qualified Social Worker and joined the Church of England as a DSA in 2009. I came to Southwell and Nottingham Diocese in 2020 to set up the current team. My background in Social Work included various management roles in Local Authority mostly in Child Protection. Before becoming a DSA I held the Parish Safeguarding Officer role for 5yrs in my own church where I continue to worship.

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Lucy Grimsey – Assistant Diocese Safeguarding Adviser

I am a qualified Social Worker and joined the Diocesan Safeguarding Team in September 2021. My background has been in Social Work, Child Protection and prior to this I worked for different organisations with children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

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John Jones - Case Worker

I am specifically tasked with assisting and taking the lead on cases. I previously worked in Nottinghamshire Police Service for 28 years where in latter part of my service I managed teams which investigated offences relating to child abuse, domestic violence, sexual offences and vulnerable adults.

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Heather Rolfe – Safeguarding Training Manager

I am the Safeguarding Training Manager for the Diocese. I organise and deliver the National Safeguarding team's programme of training to suit local need. Together with a team of very highly skilled and experienced Sessional tutors to support me, ensure that our churches meet the requirements of the CofE's Safeguarding Policies. We deliver training which is faithful to the Guidance issued by the National team.

I have been employed by the Diocese in this post since September 2016 but I have well over 25 years experience of managing and delivering training and writing courses in various roles, primarily in the past to Childcare practitioners. I am also a Safeguarding Officer in my own church, so have a good insight into the challenges faced by safeguarding leads across the Diocese.

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Lynn Harvey – Safeguarding Administrator P/T

I work part time and have been with the team since 2018 when safeguarding moved from Family Care to an in-house provision. Prior to joining the diocese, I have extensive experience supporting teams in a variety of settings including schools. My role includes supporting case workers in their work and assisting the DBS administrator where needed and supporting the training manager by managing the online booking system, Eventbrite. I am often involved in setting up and minuting meetings within the safeguarding team.

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Vacancy – Safeguarding and DBS Administrator F/T

This post is currently vacant, and we are in the process of recruiting. The post is full time and responsibilities include working alongside Lynn to provide administrative support to the team but also having primary responsibility for the DBS application process for all those licensed by the diocese.

Barry Earnshaw – Independent Chair Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

I am currently engaged by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham as Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel, whose role is to ensure that there are effective safeguarding arrangements in place across the Diocese. The Independent Chair's role is to lead the Board in setting a work programme and priorities and holding the Diocese to account for the delivery of effective safeguarding arrangements working with Parishes and partner agencies.

My previous safeguarding role for the past 6 years has been as Deputy Chair and Chair of Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, which involved commissioning and undertaking safeguarding reviews and overseeing and coordinating effective safeguarding arrangements across the County, strategic planning, holding partner agencies to account for effective delivery, quality, and performance management.

Team contact details - Including out of office hours

Please email us at safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org or leave a message on 01636 817 200. These are monitored daily including weekends and bank holidays.

However, this is not an emergency helpline therefore if you feel someone is at immediate risk of harm please contact the police and social care.

Police - 101 to report an incident or 999 if the emergency is happening at the time of your call.
Social Care - 0300 500 80 80