

## 1.8. The National Safeguarding Team

The National Safeguarding Team's role is:

- Develop and implement a 'Promoting a Safer Church' business plan that outlines the actions towards promoting a safer culture throughout the Church of England;
- Provide expert advice, guidance and support to dioceses, cathedrals, National Church Institutions and other Church bodies in respect of safeguarding policy, training, casework and communications;
- Highlighting areas of concern in relation to safeguarding arrangements and practice and facilitating and supporting the necessary improvements;
- Undertake provincial and national case work;
- Promote key safeguarding messages;
- Commission national lessons learnt case reviews, as required;
- Develop and implement national survivors engagement and support work;
- Develop a consistent approach to the support and oversight of offenders and those that may pose a risk within dioceses and other Church bodies. This includes holding a list of approved risk assessors, on behalf of the Archbishops' Council, to be used by all church bodies who are undertaking independent risk assessments<sup>7</sup>;
- Develop and support the implementation of House of Bishops' safeguarding policy and practice guidance;
- Develop and support the roll out of a national Training and Development Framework;
- Work to strengthen safeguarding networks and professional support for key safeguarding officers, such as diocesan safeguarding advisers and chairs of Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panels;
- Develop and implement quality assurance processes, to measure progress and compliance including ensuring that lessons learnt from case reviews inform and improve practice;
- Review progress annually.

## 1.9. National Safeguarding Panel

The National Safeguarding Panel's role is to:

- Offer external expertise and recommendations and advice to the Church of England's leadership, including the NSSG, on the development of safeguarding arrangements to ensure these arrangements meet accepted best practice in the UK;
- Offer external expertise and engage a range of perspectives within the statutory, voluntary and faith sectors and survivors in the development of the Church's safeguarding arrangements;
- Provide a reference to, and scrutiny of, the Church's safeguarding priorities, approach, development and effectiveness of the implementation of national policy, practice guidance and other national initiatives;
- Review progress annually.

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<sup>7</sup> The Safeguarding (Clergy Risk Assessment) Regulations 2016