



A safeguarding message from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool

Hi, I'm Archbishop Malcolm McMahon and I wanted to speak to you today about the importance of safeguarding in our archdiocese.

Accepting the findings of the ICSSA Report and Elliot Review, safeguarding practices were not previously of an expected or acceptable standard.

Today, and every day safeguarding is of utmost importance to us as an archdiocese and abuse of any kind will not be tolerated.

We have shaped our safeguarding practises having learnt from:

- the experiences of the ICSSA and Elliott reports
- working with survivors who have come forward which has very much shaped our learning and development
- following the procedures and policies of the ICSSA

We are working to embed safeguarding in all that we do in The Archdiocese of Liverpool and to promote a better understanding of what safeguarding means to you. Safeguarding is not solely about abuse it about protection for all in our parish communities and keeping people safe from harm.

Safer recruitment is at the foundation of everything we do to ensure the protection of everyone in our parish communities. Safeguarding should be the foundation of everything we do as part of the church community to ensure a safe space for all.

We encourage all survivors or anyone who has any concerns regarding a member of our church communities to please get in touch with our safeguarding section, if they can't help you directly, then they can signpost you to the most relevant organisation.

Together, we can create a safer archdiocese.