

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Our public commitment to safeguarding children and adults at risk of harm



The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in England and Wales, aka Franciscan Missionaries of Mary UK CIO, are committed to safeguarding all children and adults at risk of harm. This commitment flows from our belief that every person is made in the image of God, and from the Church's belief in the preciousness, dignity and uniqueness of every human life. The care of children and adults at risk is at the heart of the Franciscan spirit.

Every person has the right to expect the highest level of protection, care, encouragement and respect. Following the safeguarding reviews of 2020, we are committed to the One Church Approach to safeguarding, and we respond to victims and survivors promptly and compassionately.

Our commitment

- We treat the safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk as everyone's responsibility.
- We listen to, believe and support anyone who tells us they have been harmed.
- We respond to concerns promptly and refer to the statutory authorities and the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS) as required.
- We recruit safely, carry out the required checks, and train those who serve.
- We keep secure records, and we review our safeguarding practice against the eight National Safeguarding Standards of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA).

How to raise a safeguarding concern

If a child or adult is in immediate danger, call 999.

Otherwise, contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Sr Mary Fitzpatrick fmm, at safeguarding@fmmuk.org, who will listen and respond.

You can also contact the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS), or Safe Spaces for independent support for survivors of Church-related abuse.

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