

## Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults: Confidential Declaration (New and Renewal)

This form applies to all church officers and voluntary workers who are likely to be in regular and direct contact with children under 18 years of age, or vulnerable adults. Before an appointment can be confirmed, applicants may be required to apply for and receive a satisfactory Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.

This form is strictly confidential and, except under compulsion of law, will be seen only by those responsible for the appointment and when appropriate the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. All forms will be kept securely under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you answer "Yes" to any question, please give details, including the number of the question it applies to and relevant dates, on a separate sheet and supply with the form in a sealed envelope marked 'Private and Confidential'; the sealed envelope will be forwarded to the Diocesan Criminal Records Bureau Administrator, with your CRB application. All information declared will be carefully assessed to decide whether it is relevant to the post applied for, and will only be used for the purpose of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

**1 Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence (including any spent convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974)?**

YES  NO

**Note:** Declare all convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands however old or whether you are at present under investigation by the police. Motoring offences that cannot be dealt with by a prison sentence need not be declared. Posts where the person is working or coming into regular contact with children or vulnerable adults are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Convictions obtained abroad must be declared as well as those from the UK.

**2 Have you ever been cautioned by the Police, given a reprimand or warning or bound over to keep the peace?**

YES  NO

**3 Are you at present under investigation by the police or an employer for any offence?**

YES  NO

**4 Has your name been placed on the Protection of Children Act (PoCA) list, List 99, the Protection of Vulnerable Adults list (PoVA), the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) Children's Barred List or the Vulnerable Adults Barred List, barring you from work with children or vulnerable people?**

YES  NO

**5 Have you ever been found by a court exercising civil jurisdiction (including Matrimonial or family jurisdiction) to have caused significant harm<sup>17</sup> to a child or vulnerable adult, or has any such court made an order against you on the basis of any finding or allegation that any child or vulnerable adult was at risk of significant harm from you?**

YES  NO

**Note:** Declare any finding of fact by a civil court that your actions have significantly harmed a child or vulnerable adult. Declare any court orders made on this basis.

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<sup>17</sup> Significant harm involves serious ill-treatment of any kind including neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or impairment of physical or mental health development. It will also include matters such as a sexual relationship with a young person or adult for whom you had pastoral responsibility.

**6 Has your conduct ever caused or been likely to cause significant harm to a child or vulnerable adult, or put a child or vulnerable adult at risk of significant harm.**

**YES**  **NO**

**7 To your knowledge, has it ever been alleged that your conduct has resulted in any of those things?**

**YES**  **NO**

If yes, please give details, including the date(s) and nature of the conduct, or alleged conduct, and whether you were dismissed, disciplined, moved to other work or resigned from any paid or voluntary work as a result.

**Note:** *Declare any complaints or allegations made against you, however long ago, that you have significantly harmed a child, young person or vulnerable adult. Any allegation or complaint investigated by the police, Children's Services, an employer or voluntary body must be declared. Checks will be made with the relevant authorities.*

**8 Has a child in your care or for whom you have or had parental responsibility ever been removed from your care, been placed on the Child Protection Register or been the subject of a care order, a supervision order, a child assessment order or an emergency protection order under the Children Act 1989, or a similar order under other legislation?**

**YES**  **NO**

**9 Is this a new Confidential Declaration or a renewal?**

**NEW**  **RENEWAL**  If a renewal, date of last declaration: .....

**DECLARATION**

I declare that the above information (and that on the attached sheets\*) is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. *\*delete if no sheets attached*

Signed.....

Full name.....

Previous names you have been known by since aged 18 .....

Address.....

Previous addresses in the last 5 years .....

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Date of birth..... Date.....

**Please return completed form to.....**