Safeguarding in the Christian faith context during and post COVID-19

Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form

The purpose of this research is to explore the experiences of safeguarding leads in their roles in the Christian faith context in the UK.

This research is being conducted by Chester university and it is funded by Thirtyone:eight. You are being invited to participate in this research because you have a safeguarding role in a Christian organisation.

Before you decide whether to take part it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If you have any questions about the research, please email l.oakley@chester.ac.uk. Take your time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. you may choose not to participate and if you decide to participate you can withdraw at any time by closing your browser. If you decide not to participate or if you withdraw from participating at any time, any information provided will not be used in the research study.

The procedure involves filling an online survey that will take approximately 15 minutes. Your responses will be confidential, and we do not collect identifying information such as your name, or IP address. The survey questions will be about your role, examples of good practices, training, the international context, challenges and the future of safeguarding post COVID-19. The results of this study will be used for the development of training and support for safeguarding leads, they will be shared through articles and conferences to help develop work and awareness in this area. Any quotes provided will be anonymised.

Taking part in the research should help to develop an understanding of the needs of those holding safeguarding roles. We don’t anticipate that taking part will have any negative impacts on you. However, at the end of the survey there are contact details, should you wish to speak to anyone.

If you have a safeguarding concern related to an individual case, please do not use this survey to report this. It is important to follow your organisational safeguarding process. If you are not part of an organisation you can contact the thirtyone:eight helpline 0303 003 11 11. If you do disclose information that could identify a child or adult at risk of possible abuse, we will be obliged to share this with relevant statutory agencies.

If a child or adult is at immediate risk dial 999
How will my information be kept?

This research has been reviewed and approved by the School of Psychology Ethics committee at the University of Chester. The research is funded by thirtyone:eight and the data will be shared with them and held in accordance with the university of Chester data protection policy


Once you have completed the questionnaire you won’t have access to the information above, so if you wish to keep a copy – please take a screen shot before moving on.

Legal statements

Ethical approval for the evaluation has been sought and obtained from the University of Chester, School of Psychology Ethics Committee. This research study complies with current legislative requirements for England and with the commonly agreed international standards for good practice in research. These are laid down in the Singapore Statement on Research Integrity and are categorised as: Honesty in all aspects of Research; Accountability in the conduct of research; Professional courtesy and fairness in working with others and Good stewardship of research on behalf of others. The University of Chester recognises that there may be ethical and cultural differences across jurisdictions. Participants are therefore advised to be aware of any local requirements and to exercise care in their decision to take part.

The University does not accept liability for harm which does not result from its negligence. In the event that something does go wrong and a participant is harmed during the research and the harm sustained is due to the negligent acts of those undertaking the research, then the participant may have grounds to bring legal action. Anyone bringing such legal action may incur legal costs.