

1.1.6 The split in responsibilities between the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan

There may be different arrangements in place regarding the management of safeguarding allegations that involve church officers in cathedrals. In some areas, Diocesan Safeguarding Officers (DSOs) provide these services for cathedrals, whilst some cathedrals employ their own Cathedral Safeguarding Officer (CSO).

It is good practice and strongly encouraged for a diocese and a cathedral to have a service-level agreement or a memorandum of understanding in place that clarifies expectations regarding the services that a DSO or DST may deliver for the cathedral, including the split in roles and responsibilities between the DSO and the CSO. This includes a clear split in responsibilities in relation to the management of safeguarding allegations.

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