

**11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024    Statement Lincoln Diocesan Secretary**

The Diocese of Lincoln has been awaiting the publication of the Makin Report – Independent Lessons Learning Review into John Smyth. This significant report investigates the handling of the abhorrent abuse perpetrated by John Smyth. A statement from the National Safeguarding Team can be read [here](#). A response from the Bishop Of Lincoln to the publication of the Makin Review can also be read [here](#).

The Diocese of Lincoln follows House of Bishops Safeguarding Guidance and collaborates with statutory services, with whom we are partners, in order to protect children and adults at risk and ensure the proper handling of allegations. Safeguarding is central to our Diocesan values.

This report will be considered with the utmost seriousness by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP). The recommendations and all identified learning from the report will be implemented to further strengthen our safeguarding practice.

Our thoughts are with survivors during this difficult time and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advocate is available should anyone wish to talk. They can be contacted via email: [safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org) or by phone: 01522 504070.

Alternatively, Safe Spaces is an independent and confidential support advocacy service. Contact their free helpline: 0300 303 1056.

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