

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group (DSAG)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group is a group appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese to ensure diocesan wide adherence to the safeguarding standards to which the bishop is co-signatory.

The DSAG also have a role in supporting the **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA)** in their responsibilities in ensuring best practice throughout the diocese.

The DSAG should consist of people with relevant experience and skills in the field of safeguarding. Their responsibilities include analysis of the annual safeguarding audits, the formulation of the diocesan safeguarding action plan and the planning of relevant safeguarding training for clergy, religious, PSCs and volunteers.

Membership of DSAG must include the DSA. Its work may be enhanced by the involvement of representatives of relevant diocesan groups – e.g., Pilgrimage leaders, SPRED, Youth Office, and religious congregations – for whom safeguarding is particularly significant.

The Diocese of Dunkeld DSAG meets on a quarterly basis or more often if required. The Diocese has a strong and experience group consisting of experience in Education, Social Work, Health, Law and Policing, as well as members of clergy who bring their own wealth of experience to the group.

The DSAG in the Diocese of Dunkeld is Chaired by a member of the group who is independent of the Catholic Church.