XVI SAFEGUARDING ACT (ACT XVI 2025) (AS AMENDED BY ACT I 2026)

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The General Assembly enact and ordain as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Act, the following words shall have the following meanings:

   (1) "Applicant" means any person applying to undertake or carry out a Regulated Role, whether in a paid or voluntary position.

   (2) "Charge" means a sphere of pastoral duty to which a minister is inducted, and may include a Team Ministry Role as referred to in section 7(10) of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021).

   (3) "Children" means persons under the age of 18 years and "Child" shall be construed accordingly.

   (4) "Consideration for Listing" means the process at Disclosure Scotland whereby a person is being considered for listing as unsuitable for carrying out a Regulated Role with Vulnerable Groups.

   (5) "Covenant of Responsibilities" means a covenant entered into between a Subject and a Safeguarding Panel on behalf of a Kirk Session(s) in the form prescribed from time to time by the Safeguarding Service.

   (6) "Data Protection Policy" means the Data Protection Policy of the Church of Scotland Central Services Committee as that policy exists from time to time.

   (7) "Data Retention Policy" means the Data Retention Policy of the Church of Scotland Central Services Committee as that policy exists from time to time.

   (8) "Decision to list" means a decision by Disclosure Scotland to place a person on any of the lists of persons barred from carrying out a Regulated Role with Vulnerable Groups.

   (9) "Disclosure Scotland" means the Scottish Government executive agency which manages and delivers the PVG Scheme.

   (10) "Employing Agencies" means for the purposes of this Act, courts of the Church and Standing Committees of the General Assembly, and any other bodies so designated by the General Assembly.

   (11) "Guidance" means the Guidance published by the Safeguarding Service from time to time.

   (12) "Listed" means that a person has been placed on any of the lists of persons barred from carrying out a Regulated Role with Vulnerable Groups, noting that a person may be barred from working with Children, or with Protected Adults, or from working with both Children and Protected Adults.

   (13) "Ministries' Roles" means parish ministers, Interim Ministers, Transition Ministers, Associate Ministers, Assistant Ministers, auxiliary ministers, Probationers, OLMs, Readers and locums, and, depending upon their job descriptions, may also include Deacons and Ministries Development Staff.

   (14) "Protected Adults" means individuals aged 18 or over who, by reason of physical or mental disability, illness, infirmity or ageing:

(I) have an impaired ability to protect themselves from physical or psychological harm, or

(II) require assistance with the activities of daily living,

and "Protected Adult" shall be construed accordingly.

(15) "PVG Scheme Record" means the record that a person receives when they join the PVG Scheme.

(16) "PVG Scheme Record Update" means an update from Disclosure Scotland of information contained in a PVG Record.

(17) "PVG Scheme" means the scheme legislated for by the Safeguarding Legislation which is intended to ensure that people whose behaviour makes them unsuitable to work with Vulnerable Groups cannot undertake a Regulated Role.

(18) "Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee" means a sub-committee of the Safeguarding Committee which considers cases referred to it by the Safeguarding Advisory Panel of the Safeguarding Committee or the Safeguarding Service Manager.

(19) "Registered Sex Offender" means a person who is required to register with the Police in terms of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 or any subsequent modification, amendment or re-enactment thereof.

(20) "Regulated Role" has the meaning given to it in the Safeguarding Legislation and can be found set out in full in a Schedule to the Guidance.

(21) "Responsible Authorities" means the Police, Local Authorities, Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Scottish Prison Service.

(22) "Risk Assessment" is an assessment of whether there is a significant risk that the person under consideration may:

(a) harm, abuse or neglect a Child or Protected Adult,
(b) cause a Child or Protected Adult to be harmed, abused or neglected,
(c) put a Child or Protected Adult at risk of harm, abuse or neglect,
(d) attempt to harm, abuse or neglect a Child or Protected Adult,
(e) incite another person to harm, abuse or neglect a Child or Protected Adult, or
(f) fail to take the necessary action to prevent harm, abuse or neglect of a Child or Protected Adult.

(23) "Safeguarding" includes but is not limited to (1) taking measures to protect the health, wellbeing and human rights of individuals, especially Vulnerable Groups, which allow them to live their life free from harm, abuse or neglect and (2) responding appropriately to Safeguarding Concerns.

(24) "Safeguarding Committee" means the committee (or any successor body) appointed by the General Assembly to deal with Safeguarding matters in the Church.

(25) "Safeguarding Concerns" means concerns about, or allegations of, harm, abuse or neglect.

(26) "Safeguarding Coordinator" means a person appointed by the Kirk Session(s) to have responsibility for Safeguarding within a Charge.

(27) "Safeguarding Legislation" means the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 and the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 or any subsequent modification,

amendment or re-enactment of either of them.

(28) "Safeguarding Panel" means a panel of at least three persons appointed by the Kirk Session(s) as responsible for Safeguarding in a Charge, and will always include the Safeguarding Coordinator; from time to time additional persons may be co-opted onto a Safeguarding Panel.

(29) "Safeguarding Service" means the Church's department providing advice, support and action to Safeguarding Coordinators, Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries and others on Safeguarding matters.

(30) "Self Declaration Form" means the form[1] in such terms as may be prescribed by the Safeguarding Service from time to time, which form is to be completed by an for the following purposes: providing information to the Safeguarding Service, stating information which might appear on the Applicant's PVG Scheme Record and undertaking to inform the Safeguarding Service of certain matters.

(31) "Subject" means:

(i) Any person who has been convicted of any offence within the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 or associated legislation (or any modification, replacement or re-enactment thereof); and/or

(ii) Any person who has been convicted of any other sexual offence;

(iii) Any person who admits to having committed a sexual offence; and/or

(iv) Any person who is currently or who has at any time been a Registered Sex Offender; and/or

(v) Any person in respect of whom the Safeguarding Service receives a notification from any of the Responsible Authorities that such person poses a risk of harm; and/or

(vi) Any person found responsible by a court of law or by their professional body or regulator for committing an act which has, even in part, a sexual element, whether or not that individual accepts that finding; and/or

(vii) Any person, who after risk assessment by the Safeguarding Service, is believed to pose a risk of violence or sexual harm and who has contact with the Church of Scotland, its members and adherents or those individuals who use and access worship, groups and services run by or on behalf of the Church.

(32) "Vulnerable Groups" means Children and/or Protected Adults.

(33) "Worker" means any person undertaking a Regulated Role, whether in a paid or voluntary position; for the avoidance of doubt this includes Ministers of Word and Sacrament, as defined in the Registration of Ministries Act (Act II 2017) and those in Ministries' Roles.

Interpretation

2. (1) Whenever "Vulnerable Groups" are referred to in this Act, that may be a reference to either Children or Protected Adults, or to Children and Protected Adults.

[1] Currently Form SG3

(2) The footnotes in this Act are for information only and do not form part of this Act.

(3) The Safeguarding Service shall be entitled to amend any form referred to in this Act as it deems appropriate from time to time.

Safe Recruitment – Kirk Session(s)

3. (1) Subject to subsection 3(6) below, the Kirk Session(s) shall ensure that all Workers within the Charge are members of the PVG Scheme, prior to taking up their post. This shall include Locums.

(2) Subject to subsection 3(6) below, whenever a person is being recruited and will be undertaking a Regulated Role, that person must make application to become a member of the PVG Scheme. If the person is already a member of the PVG Scheme, an Existing PVG Scheme Member Application must be completed and submitted. No person may be employed or appointed to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role unless that person is a member of the PVG Scheme.

(3) The Kirk Session(s) shall appoint a Safeguarding Coordinator. The Safeguarding Coordinator shall have the task of ensuring that all PVG applications required for that Charge are completed accurately and submitted to the Safeguarding Service for processing. The Safeguarding Coordinator shall monitor the return of the applications and their outcome.

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(5) Subject to subsection 3(6) below, if any application results in notification that a person is barred from becoming a member of the PVG Scheme, ie is Listed, that person must not be employed or appointed to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role. It is an offence under the Safeguarding Legislation to employ or appoint a person who is Listed to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role.

(6) In arranging recruitment, the Kirk Session(s) must comply with the Guidance.

(7) In addition, in the case of a person who is domiciled outwith the UK, such further information must be provided and such further checks must be undertaken, both as the Safeguarding Service may require, before that person may be employed or appointed to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role

(8) In addition, Kirk Sessions must conduct Level 1 Disclosure Checks on all individuals (regardless of their employment status) in (or working with) their congregations in leadership roles and/or positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/caretakers and cafe workers, where their duties may involve contact with Vulnerable Groups.

Safer Recruitment – Presbyteries and other Employing Agencies

4. (1) Subject to subsection 4(5) below, Presbyteries and other Employing Agencies shall ensure that all Workers are members of the PVG Scheme, prior to taking up their post. This shall include Interim Moderators undertaking a Regulated Role.

(2) Subject to subsection 4(5) below, whenever a person is being recruited and will be undertaking a Regulated Role, that person must make application to become a member of the PVG Scheme. If the person is already a member of the PVG Scheme, an Existing PVG Scheme Member Application must be completed and submitted. No person may be employed or appointed to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role unless that person is a member of the PVG Scheme.

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Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee – Risk Assessment decisions

5. (1) At its meetings, the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee shall deal with the Risk Assessment of the following:

(i) Any vetting information which has been provided to the Safeguarding Service by Disclosure Scotland.

(ii) Any notification received by the Safeguarding Service from Disclosure Scotland, including a notification that a person is under Consideration for Listing.

(iii) Self Declaration Forms, references, matters of reputational risk and any other pertinent information.

(iv) Any information received via Safeguarding Concern referrals relating to the possible misconduct of Workers.

(2) A Risk Assessment shall be carried out according to the Risk Assessment Process document adopted by the Safeguarding Committee, as that document may be updated from time to time, with any material changes requiring the approval of the Legal Questions Committee. A copy of the Risk Assessment Process document shall be supplied to any person who is subject to a Risk Assessment.

(3) Following Risk Assessment, the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee may decide (one or more of the following):

(a) *In relation to safer recruitment:*

(i) That a person is suitable for a Regulated Role (which decision may or may not be made subject to conditions).

(ii) That a person is not suitable for a Regulated Role.

(b) *In relation to a notification from Disclosure Scotland:*

(i) To take no action.

(ii) To impose a precautionary administrative suspension, to be reviewed by the Sub-Committee on a three monthly rolling basis.

(iii) To take no immediate action but to reconsider the matter at a further meeting on a date within the next three months.

(iv) That a person is not suitable, or is no longer suitable, for a Regulated Role

(v) To implement conditions imposed in the notification from Disclosure Scotland.

(c) *In relation to Safeguarding Concerns indicating possible misconduct:*

(i) To take no action.

(ii) That a person is suitable for a Regulated Role (which decision may or may not be made subject to conditions).

(iii) Whether on a temporary or permanent basis, that a person is not suitable, or is no longer suitable, for a Regulated Role.

(iv) To instruct a Congregation led investigation.

(v) To instruct a Safeguarding Service led investigation.

(4) Decisions of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee following a Risk Assessment shall be notified to the person involved, to the relevant Safeguarding Coordinator, to the Registration of Ministries Committee, to the relevant Presbytery Clerk and to any other person who has a legitimate interest. Notification shall include a statement of the reasons for the Risk Assessment decision.

(5) Risk Assessment decisions of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee must be implemented by all Employing Agencies and by all Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators, office-holders, staff and volunteers involved in work with Vulnerable Groups.

(6) Subject always to any review in terms of section 6 below, where the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee makes a Risk Assessment decision in terms of section 5(3)(a)(ii), 5(3)(b)(iv) or 5(3)(c)(iii), no Employing Agency shall employ or appoint or continue to deploy that person to undertake or to carry out a Regulated Role, nor may such person be appointed or continue in post as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, as defined in the Registration of Ministries Act (Act II 2017).

(7) Where the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee makes a Risk Assessment decision and there is a Discipline Act process proceeding in respect of the same person and arising from the same or related circumstances, the Risk & Recruitment Sub-Committee shall meet again promptly upon conclusion of the Discipline Act process (including any appeal) to take a further Risk Assessment

decision in relation to the person involved in light of the decision(s) of the Discipline Tribunal and (if applicable), the Judicial Commission. The possible decisions which the Risk & Recruitment Sub-Committee may take at that point shall be those set out in sections 5(3)(c)(ii) or (iii). Such further Risk Assessment decision shall be subject to review according to sections 6 & 7 of this Act.

(8) In the event that the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee makes a Risk Assessment decision and new evidence comes to light which is likely to have a material bearing on the decision, whether brought forward by the person involved or which otherwise comes to light, the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee shall meet again promptly to take a further Risk Assessment decision in relation to the person involved in light of the new evidence. The possible decisions which the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee may take at that point shall be those set out in sections 5(3)(c)(ii) or (iii). Such further Risk Assessment decision shall be subject to review according to sections 6 & 7 of this Act.

Review of Risk Assessment decisions of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee

6. (1) A person in respect of whom a Risk Assessment decision has been made in terms of section 5(3)(a)(ii), 5(3)(b)(iv) or 5(3)(c)(iii) as to suitability for a Regulated Role has the right to seek a review of that decision ("a request for review"). A person may also seek a review against the terms of any conditions applied by the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee in terms of section 5(3)(a)(i) or 5(3)(c)(ii) as to a person's suitability for a Regulated Role. Such a person is referred to in section 7 as "the person seeking review".

(2) A request for a review can be brought only on one or both of the following grounds:

(a) that there were irregularities in the Risk Assessment Process such that, in some material respect, the process set out in the Risk Assessment Process document was not followed, or

(b) that the Risk Assessment decision of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee, having carried out the process set out in the Risk Assessment Process document was subject to manifest error or plainly irrational having regard to all the circumstances disclosed.

(3) Any disagreement as to the contents or accuracy of the PVG Scheme Record information itself or as to the contents or accuracy of other notification documentation from Disclosure Scotland cannot be the subject of a review under this section 6 and will require to be taken up by the person seeking review direct with Disclosure Scotland through the procedures established by that body.

Process for review of a Risk Assessment decision

7. The review shall proceed as follows:

(1) The intention to seek review must be intimated to the Solicitor of the Church by the person seeking review within fourteen days of the date of issue of the relevant Risk Assessment decision.

(2) Within a further fourteen days after the date upon which the intention to seek review was intimated in terms of section 7(1), the person seeking review shall lodge with the Solicitor a note setting out in writing in brief numbered propositions, the

grounds referred to in section 6(2) above upon which he or she is seeking review ("the Grounds of Review").

(3) Upon receipt of the Grounds of Review from the person seeking review, the Solicitor shall require that within fourteen days, the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee lodge a note responding to the Grounds of Review.

(4) The outcome of the request for review will be determined by a group of two Reviewers working together, one who is legally qualified and one with Safeguarding expertise, selected by the Solicitor from the Safeguarding Review Panel. The Safeguarding Review Panel shall be a Panel of up to six persons appointed by the General Assembly through the Nomination Committee according to the process for legal bodies, being a mixture of persons who are (i) legally qualified and (ii) with Safeguarding expertise. None of the Panel shall be current members of the Safeguarding Committee.

(5) The Reviewers shall be entitled to require both the person seeking review and the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee to provide further information and may determine the request for review on the basis of written submissions only and/or by holding a hearing. If a hearing is held, procedure shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders of the General Assembly so far as applicable and consistent with this Act.

(6) The person seeking review will be notified of the Reviewers' decision in writing within four weeks of the written submissions being received by the Solicitor or of the hearing date, whichever is later.

(7) The Reviewers will also notify the Safeguarding Service and the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee of their decision. The Safeguarding Service will take any necessary action, in accordance with the Reviewers' decision.

(8) The Reviewers may decide either (i) to dismiss the request for review and uphold the Risk Assessment decision of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee, or (ii) to uphold the request for review, annul the Risk Assessment decision of the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee and send the matter back to the Recruitment & Risk Sub-Committee to be decided again, with identification of any deficiencies in its decision found in terms of s 6(2).

(9) The decision of the Reviewers will be final.

Training

8. (1) All Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators and Workers must undertake such training as is prescribed by the Safeguarding Service from time to time.

(2) Each Presbytery shall provide appropriate training on Safeguarding matters to Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators and Workers, with updates when appropriate.

(3) Kirk Sessions will maintain records of all training undertaken by Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators and Workers and will disclose these records at any time upon request by the Safeguarding Service or the Presbytery.

(4) The Safeguarding Service shall provide Safeguarding Training for those in Ministries' Roles as per Guidance.

(5) Each Presbytery will maintain records of all training undertaken by those in Ministries' Roles and will disclose these records at any time upon request by the Safeguarding Service.

Record retention

9. (1) The Safeguarding Panel will maintain records of Workers within the Charge who are PVG Scheme members in the form of the Safeguarding Congregational Register[2].

(2) All hard copy records of the Safeguarding Panel shall be kept confidentially in a secure place.

(3) In accordance with the Data Protection Policy and the Data Retention Policy, the Safeguarding Service will retain originals of the Self Declaration Forms which are signed by all Applicants either (1) to join the PVG Scheme or (2) for an Existing PVG Scheme Member Application. Documents shall be destroyed only in accordance with the Data Retention Policy.

Presbyteries' Responsibilities of Superintendence

10. Presbyteries shall confirm that Kirk Sessions are complying with their obligations under this Act: (1) during Annual Inspections of Records, and (2) as part of Local Church Review, and shall report to the Safeguarding Service in such form as the Safeguarding Service may prescribe from time to time.

Audit

11. Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries shall review and minute on an annual basis their compliance with Safeguarding policies and procedures using the Safeguarding Audit Checklist for Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries[3].

Annual Inspection of Records

12. Kirk Sessions shall electronically submit the Safeguarding Congregational Register[4] and the Safeguarding Audit Checklist for Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries[5] annually to Presbytery as part of the Annual Inspection of Records.

13. Presbyteries must forward electronically the Safeguarding Congregational Register and the Safeguarding Audit Checklist to the Safeguarding Service on conclusion of their annual inspection of records.

14. Presbyteries must hold a Presbytery Safeguarding Register and must forward this electronically to the Safeguarding Service on conclusion of their annual inspection of records.

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[2] Currently Form SG7

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Obligations on individuals

15. (1) All PVG Scheme members shall advise Disclosure Scotland and the Safeguarding Service promptly of any changes to their personal details.

(2) All PVG Scheme members shall advise Disclosure Scotland and the Safeguarding Service promptly if they cease doing a Regulated Role for the Church of Scotland.

(3) All PVG Scheme members must advise the Safeguarding Service promptly of (i) any act, default or omission, or (ii) any circumstances arising, which might affect whether they can undertake a Regulated Role.

(4) All persons who sign Self Declaration Forms must adhere to the undertakings given therein.

Safeguarding Concerns

16. (1) Every Charge must have a Safeguarding Panel and a Safeguarding Coordinator.

(2) If any Safeguarding Concerns arise in relation to any individual involved in a congregation, such Safeguarding Concerns shall be reported without delay to the Safeguarding Coordinator.

(3) During office hours, such Safeguarding Concerns shall then be reported by the Safeguarding Coordinator to the Safeguarding Service immediately. The Safeguarding Service shall where appropriate report the matter to the appropriate statutory agencies.

(4) Outwith office hours the Safeguarding Coordinator shall report the concern to the Safeguarding Panel and, if someone is at immediate risk of harm, they will report the matter to the appropriate statutory agencies. The Safeguarding Service shall be notified on the next working day.

(5) Standing Committees, Presbyteries, those in Ministries' Roles and office-bearers must report any Safeguarding Concerns to the Safeguarding Service immediately or, where Concerns arise outwith office hours, at the start of the next working day.

(6) Employees of the Social Care Council shall follow the agreed Child and Adult Protection Policies when Safeguarding Concerns arise.

(7) Anyone may report a Safeguarding Concern direct to the Safeguarding Service.

(8) Advice given by the Safeguarding Service, when framed as an instruction, must be followed by all Employing Agencies and by all Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators, office-holders, staff and volunteers involved in work with Vulnerable Groups.

(9) Standing Committees, Presbyteries and Safeguarding Coordinators must report promptly to the Safeguarding Service on action taken after advice from the Service has been given in relation to reports of Safeguarding Concerns.

Safeguarding in the Presbyteries of England, International Charges and Jerusalem

17. Kirk Sessions in the Presbyteries of England, International Charges and Jerusalem will follow the recommendations and advice of the Safeguarding Service.

Overseas work

18. (1) Any Church body or agency which sends Workers abroad must ensure that such persons are members of the PVG Scheme, and Kirk Sessions must ensure that any individuals who host Vulnerable Groups from abroad are safely recruited.

(2) Standing Committees must have clear Safeguarding protocols, approved by the Safeguarding Service, in place for overseas work.

Other services provided by Safeguarding Service

19. The Safeguarding Service may from time to time with the approval of the Assembly Trustees enter into arrangements with other churches, agencies and groups as to the provision of Safeguarding services to them.

Management of Subjects (Covenants of Responsibilities)

20. (1) Whenever a Subject wishes to be involved in the life of a congregation, then the following shall apply:

(i) the Safeguarding Coordinator shall inform the Safeguarding Service (in turn, the Safeguarding Service shall inform the Safeguarding Coordinator if such information comes to its notice);

(ii) a Covenant of Responsibilities shall be entered into by the Safeguarding Panel on behalf of the relevant Kirk Session(s) with the Subject.

(2) If the Subject refuses to sign a Covenant of Responsibilities, then the Subject shall not be entitled to be involved in the life of the congregation.

(3) The terms of the Covenant of Responsibilities shall be determined by the Safeguarding Service in consultation with the Safeguarding Panel of the relevant Kirk Session(s) and, where appropriate, the Responsible Authorities, in accordance with the Safeguarding Service's procedures from time to time. The Subject shall have no input into the drafting of the Covenant of Responsibilities, which shall not be negotiable by the Subject. The Covenant shall provide for its regular review and this shall be implemented according to the procedures from time to time of the Safeguarding Service.

(4) A Covenant of Responsibilities is specific to a congregation and is not transferable to a different congregation. Should the Subject wish to be involved in the life of another congregation then a new Covenant of Responsibilities shall require to be entered into and the preceding provisions of this section 20 shall apply. In addition the terms of the Covenant to be entered into in respect of the new congregation may be determined in consultation with the Safeguarding Coordinator of the former congregation.

Consequential amendments

21. (1) This Act shall be added to the list of Acts in the Schedule to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes Act (Act VI 2014), as being an Act in respect of which ADR shall not be used.

(2) The Protection of Vulnerable Groups Act (Act VII 2011) as amended shall be repealed.

Act to prevail

22. From its date of passing, the terms of this Act shall prevail where those are inconsistent with any previous deliverances of the General Assembly.