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Our challenge in producing these policies is clear and straightforward; answer the real life questions that face members of the Church when working with others to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect.

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Other documents used are referred to at appropriate sections within the document.

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