

**Healing Adviser**

**Role Description**

**Overall Purpose of the Post**

To lead in the development, support and coordination of the healing ministry across the diocese of Chester by

* Ascertaining the present shape and scope of the healing ministry across the diocese and maintaining awareness of continuing developments.
* Supporting parishes in the appropriate development of the healing ministry in their own contexts.
* Signposting appropriate resources for the support and development of the healing ministry across the diocese in a variety of contexts.

**Principal Duties**

1. To promote an understanding of health and wholeness which arises from Jesus’ ministry in the gospels proclaiming the Kingdom of God.
2. To encourage the development of the ministry of healing and wholeness across the diocese
3. Keep up to date with developments in the healing ministry and also with legal, ethical, practical and organisational issues that have a bearing on the ministry of healing in the local church and to offer support and advice accordingly.
4. Be a point of contact to offer advice, support and guidance to clergy and lay leaders as they seek to develop the ministry of healing within parish contexts.
5. Respond to requests from individuals seeking this ministry, where possible, and with permission alongside parish clergy and lay leaders.
6. Maintain an appreciation of the broad spectrum of traditions across the diocese and the subsequent shape of healing ministry within the local context.
7. In co-operation with the appropriate diocesan officer provide and/or signpost training events for parish clergy and others authorised by them or by the Bishop.
8. Together with the Deliverance Ministry Adviser, work to develop a greater understanding of healing and deliverance ministries across the diocese with a particular emphasis on how the two ministries can work together.
9. Consult and collaborate with others in the diocese whose ministries are of particular relevance to the development of the ministry of healing across the diocese, including, but not limited to the Cathedral, Foxhill team, Spirituality advisor, diocesan wellbeing group, health care chaplaincy teams, parish nurses. (possibly by calling 1-2 meetings per annum, possibly by setting up a core advisory group)
10. Provide an annual written report to the Diocesan Bishop
11. Ensure that appropriate records are maintained in accordance with GDPR and suitable for admission in legal proceedings.
12. Work within the House of Bishops Guidelines for Healing ministry and in consultation with the Diocesan Bishop
13. Work within the Diocesan guidelines for safeguarding.
14. To attend training as required.

Post subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Disclosure.

An Occupational Requirement exists for the postholder to be a practicing Christian, an accordance with the Equality Act, 2010.

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