CONVENT OF POOR CLARES, CROSSBUSH, ARUNDEL BN18 9PJ

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SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Poor Clare Sisters of Arundel are an enclosed contemplative community who follow the charism of St Clare and St Francis of Assisi. Franciscan values include peace, simplicity, sisterhood and love for all creation. Our main work is one of prayer and praise, gathering together at regular intervals throughout the day. Visitors are welcome to join the community for prayer in the chapel.

The Community respects and values the personal dignity and rights of all people and recognise that they have responsibility towards children, young people and adults at risk. The community is also committed to taking all appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment for all, to practice fully and positively Christ’s ministry towards children, young people and adults at risk; and to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to promote their wellbeing and to help keep them safe from harm.

The Community is committed to working within the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. This commitment is expressed by the community working together with the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS), and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA). Our full policy and procedures are set out in a separate document which will be reviewed regularly.

The community safeguarding lead is Sr Leo: email: [arundel.poorclares@gmail.com](mailto:arundel.poorclares@gmail.com)

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