



The Catholic Association and its constituent groups are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all who participate in the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

It is our policy to follow the guidance and principles of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Services (CSAS), as described in their document *"Guidance for arranging Pilgrimages involving children, young people and adults at risk"*.

Through this policy and its associated procedures, the Catholic Association provides a framework so that all those involved in the care of adults (including personal care) or children have the appropriate information and support. This will enable us to ensure that we respond to their needs in a caring and compassionate manner and to keep them safe from harm.