

## **Regulated Activity in Relation to Children and Vulnerable Adults**

As an organization involved in teaching, training and instructing, the choir is aware of the provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

Under the Act, children are defined as those less than eighteen years of age.

To avoid inclusion within the requirements of the Act, the Executive Committee has established a minimum age of eighteen years for membership of the choir.

In exceptional circumstances, where the requirements of the Act can be satisfied, a younger person may be admitted to membership of the choir when accompanied by a parent or guardian, or where a parent or guardian provides written approval for their child's membership, subject, in all cases, to the agreement of the Executive Committee.

In the case of vulnerable adults, the Charity Commission's definition of 'beneficiaries' might be said to include members of the audience when the choir is performing. In such cases, the responsibility for their welfare resides primarily with the individual's carers, and, for certain purposes, with venue managers. The choir itself is not resourced to accept into membership those with acute vulnerabilities, whether physical or mental, unless those formally responsible for their care can ensure their support and protection whilst engaged in choir activities. In every case, enrolment into membership of the choir would be a decision of the Executive Committee who will take account of all factors relating to the individual's health, circumstances, care arrangements and capabilities.