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This guidance outlines the principles and procedures for the appropriate use of webcams and CCTV systems within the parishes in the Diocese of Down and Connor. It aims to ensure compliance with data protection laws and to safeguard the privacy of individuals.

This guidance applies to all Church personnel and volunteers involved in the operation, management, and oversight of webcam and CCTV systems within Church premises.

Webcam Broadcasting

- Consent must be obtained from individuals before recording and broadcasting their images online.
- Camera shots should be wide-angle to minimize the identification of individuals.
- Signage must be placed at all entrances and prominent locations to inform visitors of webcam usage.
- Parish bulletins must include a permanent notice about webcam broadcasts.
- For children and young people, written consent from both the child, young person and their parent/carer is required.
- For events such as baptisms, weddings, or funerals, families must confirm webcam usage and parents must be informed if children and young people will be visible.
- Live broadcasts must be controllable and capable of immediate termination. If the Priest cannot access the control panel, a designated person must be assigned to stop the transmission if necessary.

CCTV

- As CCTV infringes the privacy of persons captured in the images, there must be a genuine reason for installing such a system.
- If CCTV cameras are in place, it is important to have prominent signage to inform everyone of CCTV usage.
- Access to CCTV footage is strictly regulated to protect privacy and ensure compliance with data protection laws.

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