Live Streaming & Recording Checklist

If your parish decides to live stream or record a church service, you will need to ensure you are compliant with data protection regulations. You need to:

- Inform your parishioners, in advance, that live streaming will be taking place – including the time, date and location
- Ensure that your Safeguarding Panel is aware of plans to film and record and address any of the panel’s concerns (consent is required to film and children and adults at risk)
- Include a note in the order of service to explain why the cameras are in place and indicate an area within the church building that will not be filmed
- Be sensitive to those individuals who may not want to be included in the filming and ensure they can still participate fully in the service
- Ensure that wheelchair access is available for both those consenting to be filmed and those who don’t wish to be recorded
- Check with your organist, band and choir that they are happy to be recorded
- Get permission if any copyright works are included in the recording
- Display clear notices on the way into the church
- Place the camera/s in a safe location in order to avoid accidents
- Angle the camera/s away from all adults at risk and children (unless consent has been given for filming)
- In an announcement before filming takes places, ask parishioners to avoid using mobile phones during the service and remind all present that they must ask for consent before posting any photos or videos taken during the service

If you would like more information, a detailed guide is available from Rebekah Fozzard, Data Protection Officer, Representative Church Body. Tel: 00 353 (0) 1 4125 660 / Email: rebekah.fozzard@rcbdub.org