



Policy for the appointment of Assistant Area Deans Adopted Advent 2019

Assistant Area Deans are appointed by the Bishop on the advice of the Area Dean. There may be one or two depending upon the size of the Deanery. They are members of the Deanery Leadership Team.

Their role is as deputies to the Area Dean, and is shaped by how the Area Dean wishes to delegate. The Area Dean may wish to take into consideration that the Assistant role can often be a good place to learn and discern whether this person could be an Area Dean in the future.

They are appointed for a period of three years. This can be renewed for a further two, if the Area Dean so wishes on consultation with the Area Trio, but this is not automatic.

The appointment ends automatically on the appointment of a new Area Dean regardless of the length of time served. Assistants serve during the vacancy and step down on the commissioning of the new Area Dean.

