



Safeguarding News and Update



Thank you again for all you already do to keep the Diocese of Ely a safer place.....

COVID-19: Changes to DBS ID checking guidelines

The DBS have made temporary changes to ID checking guidelines as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. This means we can continue to process checks and renewals ready for when we are able to restart activities in our parishes. Full guidance is available on the Safeguarding pages of the Diocesan website

<https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding.php>

Safeguarding Training

Members of the Safeguarding Team are delivering training via Zoom covering the Leadership module (C2) and Safer Recruitment (S1). The Church of England safeguarding training portal is also still offering the Basic Awareness and Foundation modules. This is an ideal time for your volunteers and staff to get up to date with their training.

To access training via the Church of England Safeguarding Training portal please use this link <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

Information and booking details for Diocesan Safeguarding training can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-development/>

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board

As you are aware, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Boards have created some virtual training, which can be found on our website

<http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/home/covid-19/e-learning-during-covid-19/>

The courses include

1. Introduction to Safeguarding Children (Part 1)
2. Recognising Adults at Risk (Part1)
3. Safeguarding Adults from Online Abuse
4. Safeguarding Children from Online Abuse
5. Safeguarding for Volunteers

Additional courses are being developed over the coming weeks and will be added to the website.

Safeguarding Team

Our contact details can be found on the back page of this news letter and also on the website <https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding.php>

Please note that Sharon Gage (Assistant DSA) and Kelly Nott (Training Admin Support) have been furloughed. We look forward to their return in the near future.

Please be assured the rest of us are working regular hours and are here to support you.

Bishop's Garden Party for Parish Safeguarding Officers

We are all very disappointed the annual Bishop's garden party will not be going ahead this year but we will be very much looking forward to hosting an event in 2021 and will circulate details in due course.



Parish Safeguarding Officers Training and Networking meeting 26 September 2020 9.30am— 12.30pm at The Annex (Cambourne Church)

We very much hope we will be able to go ahead with this event. The morning will be made up with diocesan & national updates and a chance to network with colleagues. We are also hoping to have our guest speaker, Elizabeth Locke, Safeguarding Children & Adults Partnership Board Trainer, with us again. To book your place please click on the following link <https://elydatabase.org/events/safeguarding> If we do need to cancel the event we will of course let you know ahead of time.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

All of us have a role to play in safeguarding, never more so than during COVID-19. Lockdown increases the risks that victims of abuse face on a daily basis, in particular domestic abuse, with isolation, financial difficulties and increasing anxiety all placing additional pressures on people, with the most serious cases having tragic consequences. You have a major role to play in protecting children and adults at risk of harm and abuse – now more than ever. All forms of abuse are unacceptable in any situation, no matter what stresses people are under. Whilst supporting others during the COVID-19 outbreak, you may well come into contact with children and adults who are at risk of harm or abuse. In these situations, recognising the potential signs of harm or abuse, and know-

ing what to do if you have a concern, can make a real difference. You should not ignore your concerns or assume that someone else will report the abuse.

If anyone feels that they or someone else is at risk of harm or abuse, it is important to remember that there is help and support available including a police response, online support, helplines, refuges and other services. Even if you are not sure but are worried that someone may be at risk of harm or abuse, you should speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (Safeguarding Duty Phone – 01353 652747)

You can also contact the relevant Children & Adult Social Care Teams within Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk and make a referral if you have a concern that a child, young person or adult is at risk or is being abused.

If you are concerned that someone is at risk of domestic abuse, you can find more information and support services here:

www.gov.uk/domestic-abuse and/or www.cambsdasv.org.uk.

The National Domestic Abuse Helpline continues to operate 24/7 on 0808 2000 247. The Home Office have launched a campaign to remind victims of domestic abuse that #YouAreNotAlone and that leaving home to flee or seek support for domestic abuse is allowed under the current lockdown restrictions.

For further information, guidance and contact details for relevant support agencies, please refer to the Ely Diocesan Safeguarding Website. <https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding.php>

In a safeguarding emergency always use 999 to contact emergency services

The Home Office, in collaboration with a number of other Government departments, have produced information for those who are still operating in communities and may not be trained to recognise the signs of abuse or neglect. A poster (Children's Society NCPP— Know, Look, Act) and leaflet (Safeguarding is Everyone's Business) can be found and downloaded from the Ely Diocesan Safeguarding Website. <https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding.php>

Safeguarding Team Contact Details

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