



Safeguarding News and Update



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

Safeguarding Duty Phone

01353 654747

The Safeguarding Team have been running a duty phone for over a year now. It was set up so people, with a safeguarding concern, could speak to a Safeguarding Adviser and receive advice and guidance as to what action may need to be taken.

Please do not use this phone number for issues relating to training, DBS checks or for general advice relating to policy or procedures.

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 Kelly Nott (Training Admin Support) has been furloughed. We look forward to her return in the near future.

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

Confidential Declaration forms

With effect from 28th November 2020, the DBS filtering rules have been amended. In summary, these are as follows:

- warnings, reprimands and youth cautions will no longer be automatically disclosed on a DBS certificate (i.e. they will be filtered); and
- the “multiple conviction rule” has been removed. This means that if an individual has more than one conviction, regardless of offence type or time passed, each conviction will be considered against the remaining rules individually, rather than all being automatically disclosed.

The Confidential Declaration Form has been updated to reflect these changes and can be found on the website [here](#) under safeguarding forms and information .

Safeguarding Training

The Safeguarding Team continue to deliver training via Zoom covering the Leadership module (C2), Safer Recruitment (S1) and Responding Well to Domestic Abuse (S3). The Church of England safeguarding training portal is also still offering the Basic Awareness (C0) and Foundation modules (C1). 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/>

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Training and Networking virtual meeting 10 March 2021

After the success of the virtual meeting held in October we are planning to hold a similar Zoom meeting on Wednesday **10 March**, 10am to 11am.

If you are able to attend please book your place via the website as normal. <https://elydatabase.org/events/safeguarding>

If there are specific areas of Safeguarding you would like us to cover please let Sarah King know via e-mail sarah.king@elydiocese.org

Parish Safeguarding Review

Although being in Lockdown is very hard for everyone what it does provide is an opportunity to ensure our policies, procedures and records are up to date.

Whilst activities have been halted we can use this time to carry out a safeguarding audit/review .
When was your safeguarding policies last reviewed?

This is an ideal time to ensure all personnel files contain all the required documents and to check the training and DBS information is up to date. A personnel file checklist is available on our website - listed under Recruitment <https://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-templates-resources/>

Of course the **Parish Safeguarding Dashboard** will help with this process.

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

Some parishes are yet to sign up to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. Please could you ensure you do this as soon as possible. New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for safeguarding officers. Safeguarding Dashboards is addressing this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone. It is available free of charge to Church of England churches in participating dioceses. You can watch a short video explaining the Safeguarding Dashboard in more detail by clicking [here](#)

To sign up for the Safeguarding Dashboard or for further information please e-mail Sarah King sarah.king@elydiocese.org

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