



Safeguarding News and Update



Welcome to the latest edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter. We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a**



Happy New Year and to thank you again for all you already do to keep the Diocese of Ely a safer place....

Safeguarding Training Update

We are pleased to announce the National Safeguarding Team have released the **Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse** course as an online training module.

This means those volunteers required to complete the **Basic Awareness, Foundation, Safer Recruitment and People Management** and/or **Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse** modules can do so at a time that suits them via the [Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal](#).

Please also note that **all PCC Members** are required to complete the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse Course.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continue to deliver the Parish Safeguarding Officers Induction Training, Leadership course and DBS workshops. Dates for 2022 have been published on the Diocesan [Website](#).

Leadership course.

In 2022 there will also be a change in the way the Diocesan Safeguarding Team deliver the Leadership Module via Zoom.

Currently this module is delivered in a 3 hour session. From January 2022 we will be delivering this module in 2 x 1.5 hour sessions to ensure fidelity to the learning pathways set out in the Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework 2021.

To book your place please click on the link [Safeguarding Training](#).

(Please note you will need to commit to the dates for both Session 1 and Session 2 when making your booking.)

DASHBOARD REMINDER

Those Parishes that are signed up please could any outstanding actions on your dashboards be reviewed as soon as possible.

The **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board** continue to offer excellent free online courses on a wide range of subjects relating to both children and adults at risk of harm. Please do visit their [website](#) to see what courses are available.



Date for your Diary, July 18 2022

We are so grateful for all the work you do and in recognition of this Bishop Stephen has very kindly offered to host a Garden Party at the Bishop's House in Ely following Evensong at Ely Cathedral for the Parish Safeguarding Officers on the 18 July 2022. We have missed this event over the last 2 years and very much look forward to seeing you there. Further details will be sent in January.

We want to make sure we invite all the Parish Safeguarding Officers and therefore if there has been a change in personnel recently in your parish, please make sure you contact us so we can update our records.

Safer Recruitment and People Management

The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement 'Promoting a Safer Church' outlines the Church's commitment to promoting a safe environment and culture across all Church bodies for children and vulnerable adults. One way in which the Church aims to fulfil this commitment is by setting out safer recruitment/appointment processes and ensuring continued vigilance once someone is in role. "Safer Recruitment and People Management" goes beyond simply obtaining a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Certificate. Even where roles are not identified as having "substantial" contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, bodies may still wish to implement aspects of safer recruitment practices where an element of safeguarding risk is identified or if individuals hold a position that shapes and influences the culture of a body.

The guidance has been published as an e-manual. The [Safer Recruitment and People Management Practice Guidance](#) document is structured to highlight what are **Requirements** (must do) and **Good Practice Advice**. The document also provides 'Toolkit' resources as links within the document. The templates provided can be adapted for use according to the Church body's needs. External resources are also signposted where appropriate.

The training module is accessed via the Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

To bring all Parish Safeguarding Officers, Clergy and those required to complete the Safer Recruitment and People Management training up to date with the new guidance the Diocesan Safeguarding Team would encourage you to:

- **Complete the new [SRPM training module](#)** (regardless of when you last completed the Safer Recruitment training)
- **Read the [E-Manual](#)**
- **Complete the SRPM Parish Self - Assessment Tool and share with your PCC**

Reinforcing the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults throughout the recruitment process and beyond will help create and maintain a safe and positive environment that inspires trust, enabling them to thrive and grow and have the very best experience of Christian living through the work of the Church.

Please note parishes should be planning now for full implementation of the guidance by **04 January 2022**

DBS checks

Please remember we will be moving over from a 5 year to a 3 year renewal cycle from the implementation date

Safeguarding Team Contact Details

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continues to work from home as the Diocesan Office remains closed.

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