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Welcome to the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Newsletter.

A quarterly publication produced by the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Department to help advise and guide our parishes and church leaders on a range of safeguarding related matters.

Remember, you can contact the team and find a range of supporting materials on the [Diocese of Ely Safeguarding pages of the website by clicking here.](#)

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Training Requirements

The core safeguarding framework has been developed as a modular programme which builds learning according to role.

There are three core modules: Basic Awareness, Foundation and Leadership.

These modules should be completed in consecutive order until the individual has reached the required level of learning for their role. Only the highest module is then refreshed after three years.

So, if your role requires you to complete;

- Basic Awareness only - then you repeat this module every 3 years
- Basic Awareness and Foundation - then you only need to repeat the Foundation module every 3 years

- Basic Awareness, Foundation and Leadership then you only need to repeat the Leadership module every 3 years.

Additional 'Specialist' modules are also a requirement for some roles. These are:

- Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse
- Safer Recruitment and People Management.

These modules are always repeated every 3 years.

To find out what training course is required for each role holder and to book a place on a training course, [please visit the Diocesan website here.](#)

Safeguarding Sunday

On **Sunday 19 November 2023** churches will be marking Safeguarding Sunday together. But don't panic if you can't do this date. The more time you can dedicate to focus on safeguarding in a service, the greater the impact for your church, so if it has to be on a different day, that's okay too.

What is it all about?

Safeguarding Sunday is a safeguarding awareness raising campaign for churches run by the charity Thirtyone:eight. Each November, thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK

come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people.

Churches who took part in Safeguarding Sunday last year saw:

- **Greater positive awareness** and understanding of safeguarding among church members.
- An increase in the number of **people feeling able to talk about their abuse** for the first time.
- **More volunteers** coming forward for safeguarding roles and to help with children's and youth work.
- An increased number of people **completing safeguarding training** and criminal record checks.
- Bigger numbers of **Safeguarding Leads feeling supported** in their role by their church



[Download resources](#) for Safeguarding Sunday including a [Checklist for planning](#), [Children's talk notes](#), [Communications Pack](#), [Group Discussion Guide](#), [Discussion Questions](#), [Hymns & Song suggestions](#), an [Order of service](#), [Prayers for Safeguarding Sunday](#) and [A Theology Of Safeguarding](#).

Safer Recruitment and People Management National Survey

The Safer Recruitment and People Management Practice Guidance was published in January 2022 The National Safeguarding Team are carrying out an online survey to get feedback on the guidance. **They are specifically enquiring about posts that are safely recruited. This means any post, ordained or lay, employee or volunteer, that involves substantial contact with children or vulnerable adults.**

The survey is for **parishes, cathedrals and Bishops' offices**. The relevant person to complete it could be the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Cathedral Safeguarding Leads, Human Resources leads and Bishop's staff. If you haven't yet completed it, please click on [this link](#) and complete the survey – it only takes 10 minutes and will make a real contribution to developing safeguarding recruitment practice in the Church.

We really hope this team effort between the NST, dioceses and local Church bodies can help us find out more about embedding good safer recruitment practice at all levels in the Church.

The survey will be live until 31 October 2023

Updates to the Safeguarding web pages

We have updated the following documents:

- [Diocese of Ely - Confidential Declaration Form June 2023](#)

and added the following items;

- [Whistle Blowing Advice Poster](#)
- [Safe Spaces Poster 1 \(male, with tear off strips\)](#)
- [Safe Spaces Poster 2 \(female, with tear off strips\)](#)
- [Safe Spaces Poster 3 \(with QR code\)](#)

- [Parish Violence and Aggression Policy Mar 2023 v1](#)
- [Annual Report 2022](#)

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub

Clearly Simpler, the creators of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub have their own website that provide information, tutorials, and support in relation to completing and working with your;

[Dashboard](#) or [Hub](#)

Please do have a look and contact Clearly Simpler if you need any support.

Parish Safeguarding Officers meeting

The next meeting is on 18 October from 10-12. The meeting will be held via Zoom so please [book your place](#) to receive the Zoom link.

If you have any questions, please do bring them to this meeting or send them in to the team beforehand.



Contact the Team

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