



Safeguarding News and Update



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

Welcome to the latest edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continues to work from home as the Diocesan Office remains closed. We are very pleased to welcome Kelly Nott back after having been on furlough for a large proportion of 2020.

Training and Development Framework 2021

The new National Learning and Development Practice Guidance was published on 23 April 2021 <https://d3hgqlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f0f7281dadce/content/pages/documents/safeguardinglearninganddevelopmentframework2021.pdf>

There are several changes to note including changes to the Leadership Module (formerly C2) and who needs to complete it. The requirements are being scaled back considerably so far **FEWER** church officers will need to complete it. Please see the extract below:

The Leadership Pathway is not intended for everyone who is in some way a “leader” but is designed for those people who play a lead role in shaping the culture of the Church body concerned. Therefore, the pathway no longer has an extensive list of roles listed as mandatory participants. The Basic Awareness and Foundation pathways have undergone significant revision and now cover the necessary safeguarding learning outcomes for those roles no longer mandated to attend the Leadership Pathway.

Leadership training will always include:

All Clergy holding the Bishop’s licence, commission, authorisation, or permission (including PtO where Exemption has not been given) including Honorary Assistant Bishops and Chaplains.
All Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers holding the

Bishop’s licence (under Canons E6 & E8), together with all others who hold the Bishop’s commission, authorisation, or permission to carry out similar ministerial functions (including PtO and emeriti Readers where exemption has not been given).

Non-executive members of Chapter (unless their role in the diocese requires a higher level of training)
Safeguarding Officers in all Church bodies
Teaching staff at Theological Education Institutions who are delivering the Leadership Pathway
Safeguarding Lead in TEIs

It should also, according to the local context, include such other people who significantly influence the culture of that Church body. These may include, for example, lay ministry staff employed by a PCC or BMO, locally appointed leaders of new worshipping communities, focal ministers and Churchwardens (*Whilst in many contexts the level of influence of Churchwardens may well not reach the threshold, it should be noted that this can increase significantly during vacancies.*)

SPECIAL NOTE – Churchwardens

Following discussion, we have reached a local decision that the Leadership Module is NOT a requirement for Churchwardens UNLESS their parish is in vacancy. We will be delivering a bespoke safeguarding briefing to Churchwardens as part of the Archdeacons Visitations each year. The Leadership training of course remains open to any Churchwarden who wishes to complete it.

PSO Induction Training

The National Safeguarding Team have created a new module for Parish Safeguarding Officers. This module will equip learners with an understanding of the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer and induct them into key working practices and relationships. The Safeguarding Team will start delivering this module from September 2021. Initially we target and prioritise the Parish Safeguarding Officers appointed since the beginning of 2020. However, we will also open the training up to existing Parish Safeguarding Officers if they would like to attend. Dates are available on our website <https://elydatabase.org/events/safeguarding>

DBS temporary ID checking guidance.

To ensure that the necessary DBS checks could still be carried out during lock down and social distancing restrictions, the DBS ID checking guidance was temporarily changed.

The changes enabled scanned images to be used in advance of the DBS check being submitted

Please remember the applicant must present the original versions of these documents when they first attend their employment or volunteering role.

Charity Commission - The Charity Commission has produced a number of videos guides for Charity Trustees including a set of titled Essential Trustees (CC3) - What you need to know, What you need to do . These videos vary in length from 6 to 10 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/thecharitycommission>

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Boards

As you might be aware, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Boards have created some virtual briefings/training, which can be accessed via their website <http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/home/covid-19/e-learning-during-covid-19/>

Topics include:

- Introduction to Safeguarding Children (Part 1)
- Introduction to Safeguarding Children (Part 2)
- Introduction to Child Criminal Exploitation
- Recognising Adults at Risk (Part1)
- Safeguarding Adults (Part 2)
- Making Safeguarding Personal
- Safeguarding Adults from Online Abuse
- Safeguarding Children from Online Abuse (Part 1)
- Safeguarding for Volunteers
- Domestic Abuse, Safeguarding and Covid-19
- Sexual Violence and Safeguarding
- Safeguarding Children from Online Abuse (Part 2) – CSA and Grooming

Safeguarding Dashboard

Safeguarding in the Church of England has changed considerably in recent years. New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for Parish Safeguarding Officers. The **Safeguarding Dashboard** is addressing this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone. It is available **free of charge** to parishes in Ely Diocese. The Safeguarding Dashboard has been designed to display a clear and simple dashboard on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

The home page allows the Parish Safeguarding Officer, incumbent, churchwardens and other authorised users to see the current status of compliance with House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance at a glance. Green lights bring reassurance that all is well; Amber means that action is needed, and Red means it's urgent. If you have not already signed to the Safeguarding Dashboard or if you would like further information, please contact Sarah King at sarah.king@elydiocese.org

Parish Safeguarding Officers—Training and Networking virtual meeting 6 October 2021

As we currently do not know when we will all be able to meet in large groups, we are planning to hold the Parish Safeguarding Officers Training and Networking again via Zoom on Wednesday 6 October, 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 any specific areas of Safeguarding you would like us to cover please let Sarah King know via e-mail sarah.king@elydiocese.org



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