

# Safeguarding Update – February 2019

## Brief Guides



These brief guides summarise safe practice for leaders and helpers of activities with children, young people and vulnerable adults. You can use them as your church’s good practice guidelines and give them to all your volunteers and workers - just add local contact details, print, and fold.



Do the children in your church know how the adults should behave? Do they know who to talk to if they feel uncomfortable? Our churches are safer when children feel confident to speak out about anything that is upsetting them. Add local contacts, then print and give this leaflet to all the children and young people in your church.

The leaflet and brief guides are available on the children and adult pages of our website at [www.cofebirmingham.com/hub/safeguarding/](http://www.cofebirmingham.com/hub/safeguarding/)

## Reporting Serious Incidents to the Charity Commission

The Charity Commission has issued new guidance on how to identify and report serious incidents to them – including serious safeguarding incidents. The Church of England has published some guidance for PCCs to explain the changes and what they must do at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/policy-practice-guidance>. Get in touch with Steph Haynes, Bishop’s Safeguarding Adviser at [StephH@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com) if you need to report a serious safeguarding incident



## Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

Helps you to keep track of safeguarding policies, governance and activities in your church and produce reports and action plans for your PCC using a ‘traffic light’ alert system. This video gives more information - <https://vimeo.com/channels/dashboards>  
Email [safeguardingsupport@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:safeguardingsupport@cofebirmingham.com) if you would like to use the Dashboard in your church

## Training Records ...



We've been emailing Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators for a while now to let them know when people from their church have attended a face-to-face safeguarding training session or completed an e-learning module. We now also email this information to Parish Identity Verifiers so they can keep these details and renewal dates together with the DBS check record held for each individual.

## ... S1 Safer Recruitment training

This module has now been revised. If you're a Vicar, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or Parish Identity Verifier you need to complete this module. If our records show that you haven't done this yet, over the coming months we'll be emailing you a presentation to read and an on-line quiz to complete. Those new in post will automatically be asked to do this as part of their induction.

## .... and more

You can book dates S3 Responding Well to Domestic Abuse sessions for March and May on the website from mid-February. The C5 Refresher Module for anyone who attended a C1, C2 or C3 safeguarding session three or more years ago will be available from late spring 2019.

## Going Deeper ..... websites, blogs and videos to keep you informed

### All Party Parliamentary Group on safeguarding in faith communities

Read about the work of this group launched in September 2018 [here](#)

### Branded a Witch

Watch this animated film telling the story of Mardoche, young boy in the UK, who was accused of witchcraft by his aunt and uncle on [YouTube](#)

### An Insight Into Child Trafficking

Watch this series of four films [here](#)

### Tackling & Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation

Have a look at what the police are doing [here](#)

### Towards a Safer Church

How can we pray for and with those who have been abused? This resource from the Liturgical Advisory Committee has some suggestions – download [here](#)

### Safeguarding Children in Faith Communities

Check out the resources in the NSPCCs faith hub [here](#)

Next Safeguarding Surgery Drop-Ins are on 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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