

Safeguarding Update – January 2018

DBS Checks



At the end of February CCPAS will be making some changes to our online DBS system. Whilst the work is being carried out over the weekend of the 24th & 25th February, Parish Identity Verifiers may not be able to log on and verify identity. The aim is to make the system more parish-centred, so you will be able to see disclosure results for your parish and edit applications without having to ask us or CCPAS. If you're a Parish Identity Verifier, we'll send you more details in February and some of the safer recruitment documents on our website will be revised to reflect the changes.

What happens when we receive your referral?



When you tell us about an allegation or concern against a church officer, we follow a process that is set out in the House of Bishop's practice guidance document 'Responding to, assessing and managing concerns or allegations against church officers'. You can read the whole document on the Church of England [website](#) – but it's so long, we've

summarised what we do and what you must do in a one-page flowchart. You can find it on the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators page of our [website](#) and don't forget you can refer concerns to us using our online referral form too.

The Waiting Room Wellbeing Directory

If you don't know about the URBrum Project have a look at their [website](#). URBrum is inclusive, multi-faith and multi-cultural and provides a platform for conversation around mental health and associated issues to improve life chances and support local communities. The Waiting Room is a directory of support services for a wide range of wellbeing issues, from mental health to suicide prevention to abuse to disability support and more, that may be useful for you to signpost church or community members to. If your church offers a service you can register with them too to promote it to others locally.



Training

C1 Foundation Safeguarding



The Church of England launched their C1 e-learning module, the week before Christmas. To meet the requirements of foundation level safeguarding, **both** the C0 and C1 modules must be completed. You can access the online modules at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Individuals will need to register in order to access the modules. It is **really** important that the correct diocese – *Birmingham* – is selected from the drop-down list and the

FULL parish name is entered - *St Joseph's, Old Town NOT just St Joseph's*. Failure to do this will mean that we will not be sent a record of completion and the individual will have to re-register and complete the modules again.

Assuming that the correct name, diocese and parish has been entered, we will notify Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators who has completed the modules from their church.

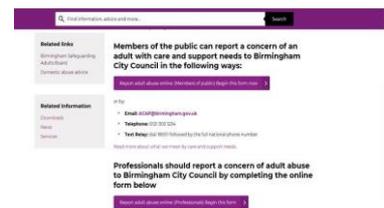
For those who prefer face to face training, we have organised sessions in Balsall Heath and Walmley before the summer and more sessions will be arranged in the autumn. Have a look on our [website](#) for dates.

Resourcing Day

The next resourcing day for parish safeguarding co-ordinators will be on **Saturday 12th May 2018**. Save the date and book your place [here](#)

Birmingham Adult Social Services Online Referral Portal

In January 2018, Birmingham City Council introduced an online referral portal for reporting concerns about neglect or abuse of an adult with care and support needs. It can be found at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/safeguardingadults> and further guidance from Birmingham Adult Safeguarding Board on using the online portal is available on our [website](#).



Making Safeguarding Personal



Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board consulted with partners, including our Body, Mind & Spirit partnership, on its leaflet for individuals working with vulnerable adults to make their practice more person-centred. 'Making Safeguarding Personal' is very user friendly and you might want to consider giving it to some of your volunteers working with elders or vulnerable adults. You can download it [here](#) or if you contact BSAB they may be able to send you copies.