

Safeguarding Update – May 2019

Safeguarding Drop-In Surgeries

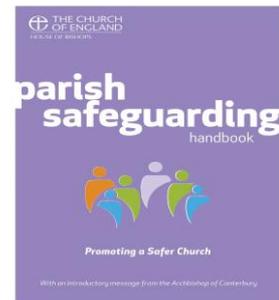


Strawberries and cream and safeguarding have nothing in common as far as we know, but we decided not to let that put us off from inviting you to share some of this gorgeous summer fruit with us at a Drop-In Safeguarding Surgery on Tuesday 18th June, 10am-12pm. Let us know you're coming so we have lots of strawberries for you. With regret, due to team illness, we have had to cancel the surgeries we had planned to host on 14th and 16th May and are unable to offer an evening drop-in in June, but please do email or call us with any questions you have.

Book at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/DropInSafeguardingSurgeries>

Policy...

The National Safeguarding Team recently published the Parish Safeguarding Handbook and Practice Guidance for responding to concerns when church officers are not involved - parishes must continue to report all concerns and allegations to the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser for advice and support to respond appropriately and refer to statutory agencies where appropriate. We're developing some advice and resources to help parishes implement the Parish Safeguarding Handbook here in Birmingham - available by the end of the year.



Training...



The online C0 Basic Awareness module has recently been revised and updated. This module is for anyone who needs some safeguarding awareness. For most roles this module is a recommendation rather than a requirement. If 'face - to - face' is more appropriate for your volunteers you can meet with small groups around a laptop and take them through the online module, adding local context, policy and procedures as appropriate.

The online C1 Foundation module is due to be updated over the summer. This module must be completed by individuals online or delivered 'face - to - face' by a diocesan authorised trainer. Many deaneries are currently having conversations around re-structuring under People & Places and you may wish to discuss with your Area Dean the possibility of having an authorized Deanery Safeguarding Trainer to deliver the C1 module locally.

Online modules are available at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Refresher Training



Safeguarding training must be renewed every three years. Anyone who has completed the C2 or C3 Leadership modules three or more years ago must book to attend a C5 Refresher session. There are dates currently available to book on our website for the summer term and more dates will be released during August for the autumn term. Please be aware that **C5 is only for Leaders who have already completed C2 or C3**. Anyone who has completed C1 three or more years ago, must refresh their training by completing the online C1 Foundation module – see details above.

Book to attend a C5 session at

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/C5SafeguardingRefresherModule>

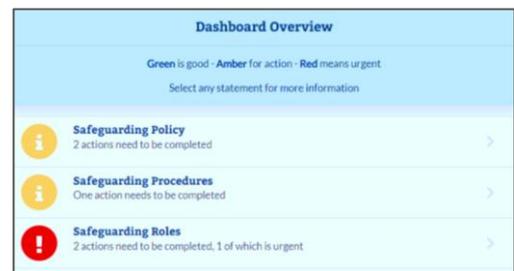
Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

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

if you would like to use the Dashboard in your church



Church Hirers



In April the NSPCC published new information on safer activities and events aimed at the voluntary and community sector which may be helpful for regular groups who hire your church for activities with children and young people. You can signpost them to the information at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/safer-activities-events/>

Domestic Violence & Faith

The BGC is a new research centre, bringing biblical and gender studies together with issues faced by men and women in the contemporary church. The inaugural lecture for the centre will be delivered by Rev'd Dr Susan Shooter on Monday 27th May 2019 at Cliff College and is entitled 'Yet In My Flesh Shall I See God: Researching Faith With Survivors of Abuse'. More information and booking is available at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-bgc-inaugural-lecture-tickets-58870632647>

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