

# Safeguarding Update – November 2018

## 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/)

## Date for your diary...



**An Invitation**  
Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator  
Resourcing & Recognition Day 2019

**Responding Well to Domestic Abuse**  
**Saturday 9th February 2019**

10.00am—2.30pm  
St Michael’s CE High School  
Curral Road, Rowley Regis B65 9AN

Prayers led by The Rt Rev Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston

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

## 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.

## ... and 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.

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

### Female Genital Mutilation

Find out more about the Home Office campaign running until the end of November [here](#)

### 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](#)

### The Charities Commission Safeguarding Strategy

Find out what safeguarding arrangements the Commission expects charities to have in place [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](#)

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