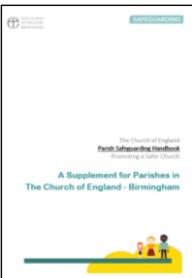


Safeguarding Update – September 2019

Safeguarding Drop-In Surgeries



The Essentials for Safeguarding in the Local Church – ALL IN ONE PLACE!

We've been working on some resources to support parishes over the summer and would like to invite you to collect your copy of the handy A5-sized Parish Safeguarding Handbook 2018 – with our supplement to help you implement the requirements within The Church of England – Birmingham.

There's also a new trifold Guide to Using Social Media for Leaders and Helpers to go with our existing safer practice guides.

The Drop-In Safeguarding Surgeries will be held at 1 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2BJ on:

Monday 7th October 2019, 10am – 12pm
&
Wednesday 16th October 2019, 6pm – 8pm

As well as collecting your Handbooks and Social Media guide, the surgeries are also a great way to network with other Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators and ask the safeguarding team all of your burning questions.

We've just reprinted our Need To Talk poster and Small Guides for safeguarding and domestic abuse – copies available at the Drop-Ins.

Please do let us know you are coming so we have enough coffee, tea and goodies for you. You can book at

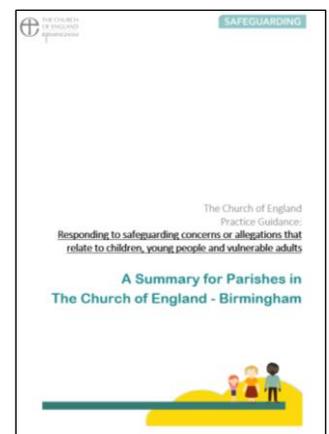
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/DropInSafeguardingSurgeries>

Policy

The Parish Summary of the national practice guidance document 'Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations that Relate to Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults' is now available on our website at

<http://www.cofebirmingham.com/hub/safeguarding/policies/>.

There are helpful responding, reporting and recording flowcharts for Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators on pages 6 (children) and 11 (vulnerable adults).



Training

If you've not yet completed your 'online' Safer Recruitment training (email safeguardingsupport@cofebirmingham.com for the link) or attended the core module 'C3 Safeguarding for Ministers and Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators' and specialist module, Responding to Domestic Abuse, please ensure you do so before the end of 2019.



Training is changing from January 2020. The House of Bishops' has published a revised Safeguarding Training & Development framework and we'll be delivering the new modules from the new year. There's lots to tell you about, so we'll be sending you a Training Update next month.

In the meantime, until the end of the year, we will continue to deliver our existing modules as planned – details of sessions and booking can be found on our website at <http://www.cofebirmingham.com/hub/safeguarding/training/>

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>

Let us know if you'd like to watch the video at the October Drop-In

Email safeguardingsupport@cofebirmingham.com

if you would like to use the Dashboard in your church



Child abuse in the Anglican Church



The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published two case studies as part of its ongoing investigation into child sexual abuse in the Anglican Church. You can read the reports at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/publication-iicsa-report-anglican-church>

And, if you like statistics, The Church of England has just published an analysis of safeguarding data and trends in the Church between 2015 & 2017 at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/safeguarding-news-statements/safeguarding-data-report-2015-17>

We look forward to meeting you at the Drop-Ins in October.

Steph, Sarah, Peter & Claire

The Church of England – Birmingham Safeguarding Team