

## Virtual Safeguarding Leadership Training Overview

The course encourages thinking about safeguarding in relation to leadership and is a small group discussion based course with a maximum of 6 participants

It takes approximately 10-12 weeks to complete the course and get certificate, allowing for time to complete tasks and reflect, with two 90 minute Zoom sessions. Previous leadership training was 6 hours., so time is distributed differently to allow for self-learning and reflection. Dates and deadlines are provided for each course to help you plan for your training.

The pre-session work allows for reflection and recording things to help you think things through and to enable full participation in the discussion-based sessions. It is not about producing academic style writing; some people have found bullet points helpful while others prefer a more formal style. Spelling and grammar are not the focus of the work. The pre course work is not intended to be a barrier to participation, so please contact Louise Warner, [louise.warner@leccofe.org](mailto:louise.warner@leccofe.org) if you have any concerns about completing the training and if needed to work out a way to help you complete the course. At present the courses are offered via Zoom, which many have found more convenient as it does not involve travel. This will be reviewed and safe ways to complete face to face training considered.

The post course reflection, completed 4-6 weeks after the course, allows you to reflect on your learning from the course and think about the difference it has made to your ministry.

**Please note that the course is not complete until it has been signed off following the submission of the completed workbook.**

		Work required
Pre-course work	The workbook is usually sent out when your place on a course is confirmed. The workbook contains the Zoom link for your course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 x questions to reflect on before the course in order to participate. A date is given for each course.</li><li>• Some pre-course reading is recommended in the workbook.</li></ul>
1 week before Session 1	Workbook submitted with pre-course work complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks are read in advance to help shape the session and identify themes to pick up.</li></ul>

	Zoom Session 1: 90 minutes Discussion around the 4 questions.	Follow up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Psalm 91 and write a short reflection on how this informs your safeguarding leadership beliefs, values and behaviours.</li> <li>• Read Promoting A Safer Church.</li> <li>• Read and prepare for the case study, reading relevant and identified sections of safeguarding policy documents.</li> </ul>
1-2 week gap	Zoom Session 2: 90 minutes Discussion around Psalm 91 from a safeguarding leadership aspect. Working through the case study.	Follow up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify 3 main lessons you have learned from this training.</li> <li>• Identify 3 changes you want to make because of this training.</li> <li>• Watch BBC Exposed: The Church's Darkest Secret within 4 weeks via the Safeguarding Training Portal. (2 x 60 minutes)</li> <li>• 4-6 weeks after Zoom 2 complete a reflection on your learning from the course.</li> </ul>
4-6 weeks After Zoom 2	Completed workbooks submitted to trainer.	Follow up by trainer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainer reads submitted workbooks and signs the course off as complete.</li> <li>• Some participants are selected for follow up conversations.</li> </ul>
Estimated date given for each course	Issue certificates Update training records	(The timescale to issue certificates will vary depending on a range of factors, including the numbers on a course, the number of courses in progress and workload. Where possible a course sign off will happen together for all participants.)

Dates and booking form can be found on the Diocese of Leicester website safeguarding training and events page: [Diocese of Leicester | Training and Events \(anglican.org\)](https://www.leccofe.org/training-and-events)

If you have any concerns about undertaking the Virtual Safeguarding Leadership Training or completing the required work, please contact the trainer Louise Warner:

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Please note that Church of England Safeguarding documents are compatible with screen readers.