Parish Dashboards

making life simpler for Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Dashboard Overview
Green is good - **Amber** for action - **Red** means urgent
Select any statement for more information

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1 of which is urgent.

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Displayed Information
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Reviews and Reports
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Safeguarding in the Church of England has changed considerably in recent years, and is likely to continue changing in the foreseeable future.

New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for parishes.

Parish Dashboards is addressing this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone. It is available **free of charge** to Church of England parishes in participating dioceses.

Dashboard Overview

Parish Dashboards has been designed to display a clear and simple dashboard on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.
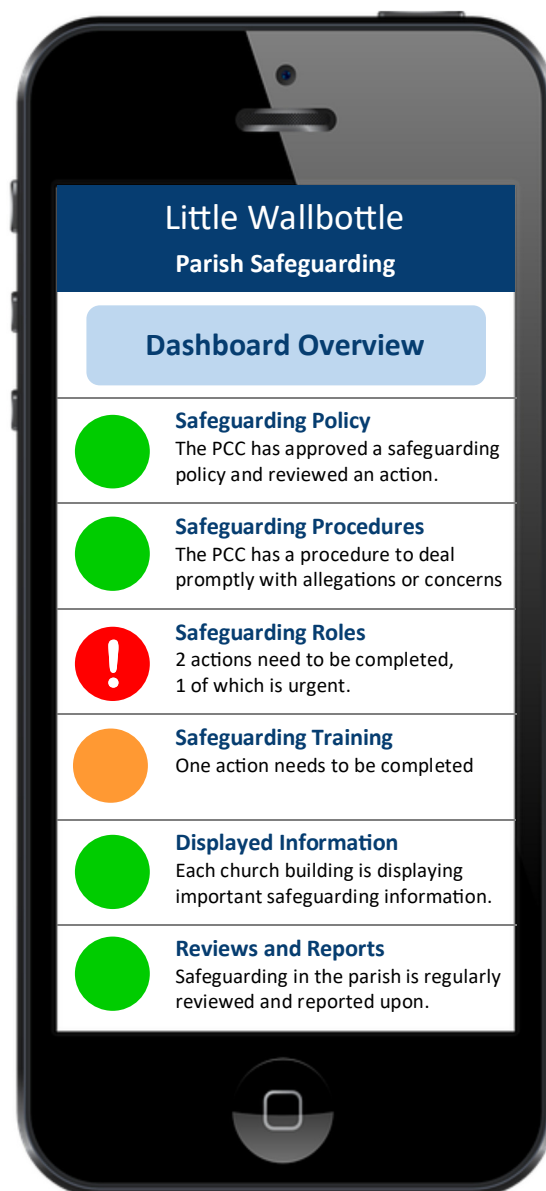
The home page allows the Parish Safeguarding Officer, incumbent, churchwardens and other authorised users to see the current status of compliance at a glance.

Green lights bring reassurance that all is well; amber means that action is needed, and red means it's urgent.

For more information, simply select one of the topics (e.g. 'Safeguarding Roles'). This opens up the relevant Action Page, as shown on the next page.

"It was also easy to find my way around the information. I love the simplicity of it, the visual clarity and the clear links to background documents."

Tony (a PCC member)

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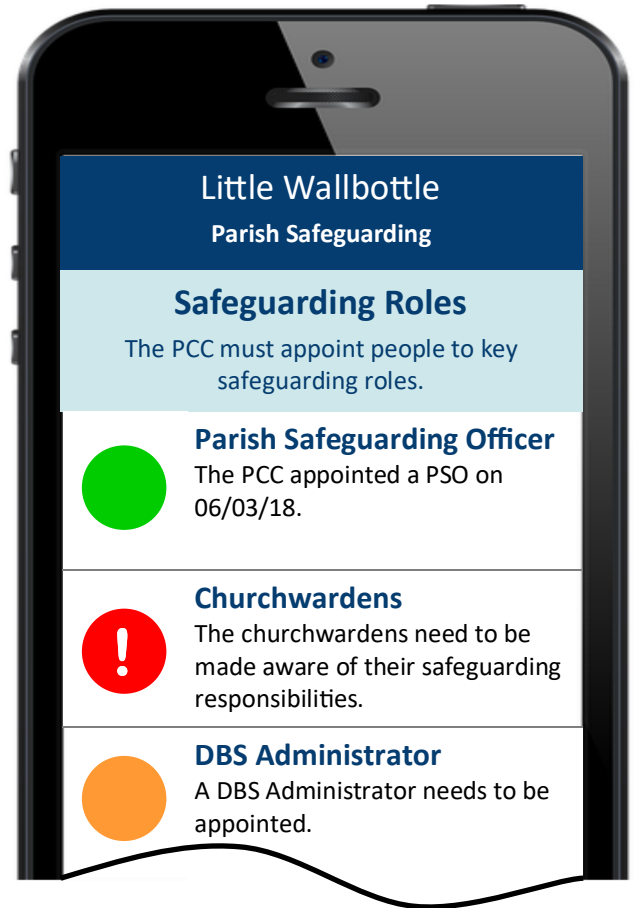
Action Page

Each safeguarding topic has its own Action Page. For example, the Action Page for 'Safeguarding Roles' is shown opposite.

This describes, in plain English, the precise actions that that the parish needs to undertake.

Green lights indicate that no further action is necessary; amber means that something needs to be done, and red means it's urgent.

The lights automatically change colour over time. For example, a green light turns amber when a policy is due to be reviewed. Or an amber light turns red if an action is not completed within six months.

For more information, simply select one of the outstanding actions (e.g. 'Churchwardens'). This opens up the relevant Info Page, as shown below.

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Safeguarding Roles
The PCC must appoint people to key safeguarding roles.

Parish Safeguarding Officer
The PCC appointed a PSO on 06/03/18.

Churchwardens
The churchwardens need to be made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.

DBS Administrator
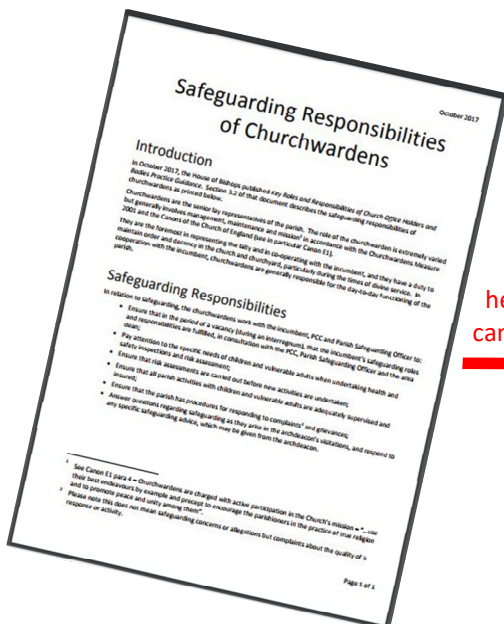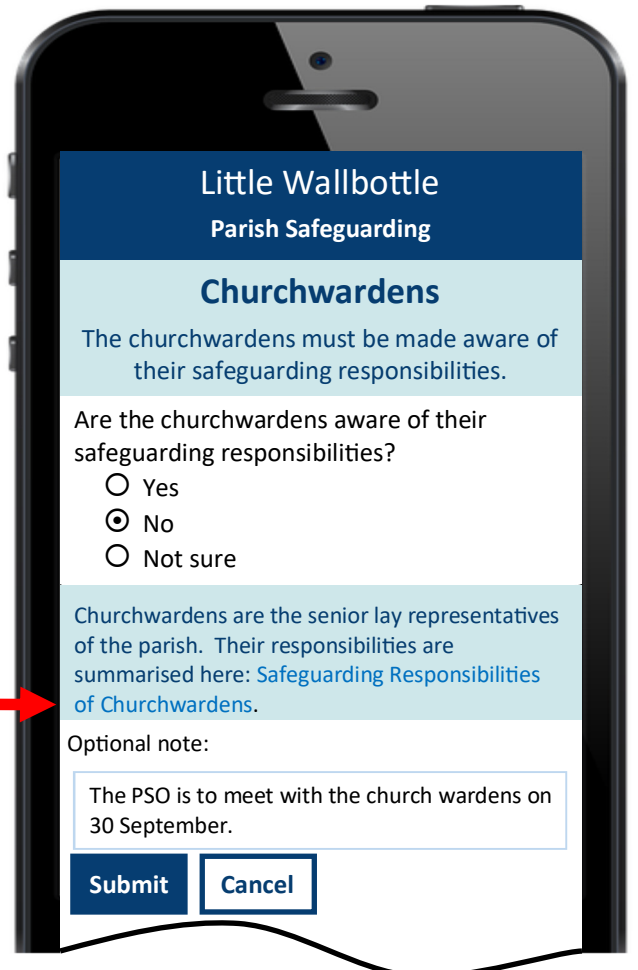A DBS Administrator needs to be appointed.

Info Page

Each action has its own Info Page. For example, the Info Page for 'Churchwardens' is shown opposite.

Select any item on the Action Page to open the relevant Info Page, as shown opposite.

From here, questions can be answered, helpful resources can be downloaded and optional notes can be added.

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Churchwardens
The churchwardens must be made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.

Are the churchwardens aware of their safeguarding responsibilities?
- ○ Yes
- ◉ No
- ○ Not sure

Churchwardens are the senior lay representatives of the parish. Their responsibilities are summarised here: Safeguarding Responsibilities of Churchwardens.

Optional note:

The PSO is to meet with the church wardens on 30 September.

Submit   Cancel

Key Features

The Church of England is indebted to thousands of dedicated volunteers who are serving the church as Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs). They are playing a vital role, but it can feel rather daunting.

Parish Dashboards is making safeguarding simpler by providing the following key features:

- ☑ **A home page** that shows the status of safeguarding at a glance.

- ☑ **Action pages** that explain what needs to be done in plain English.

- ☑ **Info pages** that ask simple questions and also provide all the relevant information and resources.

- ☑ **Green lights** that bring reassurance that all is well (which is particularly welcome in a context of continual change).

- ☑ **Amber lights** that highlight things that need to be done.

- ☑ **Red lights** that help parishes to prioritise the most urgent actions.

Additional Features

Parish Dashboards also has the following additional features:

- ☑ **Multiple users.** Each parish is assigned an 'owner' of the dashboard (usually the PSO). Only the owner can answer the questions on the info pages; however, they can invite other people to view the dashboard (e.g. the incumbent, churchwardens and PCC members).

- ☑ **Intelligent lights.** The dashboard lights automatically change colour in response to changing circumstances. For example:
  - Some green lights turn amber when a task is due to be repeated (eg when a safeguarding procedure is due to be reviewed).
  - Amber lights turn red after a few months. The most important lights turn red first; this helps parishes to prioritise any outstanding tasks.

- ☑ **Multiple activities.** Each parish can compile a list of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Parish Dashboards then keeps track of the safeguarding status of each activity.

- ☑ **PDF action plan**. At the click of a button, *Parish Dashboards* will email any user a PDF action plan for their parish. This includes the status of each topic, together with any optional notes.

- ☑ **Helping your diocese to help you.** Data from *Parish Dashboards* is shared with participating dioceses. This enables diocesan resources to be focused on the areas of greatest need.

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