



Welcome to the latest edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter. The pandemic has continued to impact dramatically on our lives during the course of the last year and it is very much hoped that we are moving towards an easing of restrictions. Church House remains closed and the Safeguarding Team are continuing to work remotely, offering support to parishes and dealing with ongoing safeguarding matters. An update in relation to training and development, Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) in addition to contact details for the safeguarding team and out-of-hours support is provided in this newsletter.

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## Training and development

It has not been possible to deliver face to face safeguarding training during the current pandemic. In view of this, Basic (C0) and Foundation (C1) training have been made available online on the [diocese's safeguarding web page](#). All of those with safeguarding responsibilities working with children and vulnerable adults are required to undertake C1 training every three years.



The Safeguarding Team are able to deliver leadership training via Zoom to groups of a maximum of 12 people. This is prioritised for those with key safeguarding responsibilities and a role in shaping the culture of the parish. Training for those with PTO and Reader Emeritus is on hold whilst the National Safeguarding Team develop a specific module for these roles. In the event you have any queries in relation to Diocesan Safeguarding Training please contact Kathryn at [safeguardingtraining@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@manchester.anglican.org).

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## Safeguarding Policy and guidance

All parishes work in line with the [Parish Safeguarding Handbook](#) introduced by the National Safeguarding Team (NST) in 2018 (this replaced Manchester Diocese's Safeguarding Policy, 2016). A Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook has now been approved.

For further information, please refer to the safeguarding web pages of the [Diocese of Manchester](#) and [Manchester Cathedral](#). A number of policies are currently being revised by the NST, including training and development. Once finalised, safeguarding policies and guidance will be made available on the diocese's safeguarding web page.

## Past Cases Review 2

Further to our last update, progress is continuing on the Past Cases Review 2 within the Diocese of Manchester. Our Independent Reviewer, Suzanne Cottrell, has now completed her review of all known safeguarding concerns within the Diocese and has moved on to undertake her review of clergy personal files.



Once the review of clergy files has been completed, it is anticipated that the Reviewer will move on to undertake the review of the Readers' files, before concluding the review by considering any other relevant church officer files held in Church House.

The Reviewer is required to report her findings directly to the Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel, Kathy Batt, as well as the Bishop of Manchester. She is expected to make her report by the summer of 2021.

Bishop David would like to thank all who have supported the implementation of this national project within the Diocese of Manchester. It is not too late to contribute to the process, if you feel you have information that you wish to be considered as part of the review. In the first instance, please contact the Diocese of Manchester Safeguarding Team at [safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org) or by calling 0161 828 1451. Anyone who wishes to report a new safeguarding concern should also make contact with the team via these methods.

If you wish to make known your experience of how any concern was handled, please contact the Independent Reviewer, Suzanne Cottrell by email at [suzannecottrell@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:suzannecottrell@manchester.anglican.org). Further information regarding the review, including how to contribute and the support available can be found below and also in the Safeguarding News updates.

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## Victim and Survivor support

The importance of supporting those who have been affected by abuse is fully recognised. Manchester Diocese, in partnership with the local support charity, [Survivors Manchester](http://Survivors Manchester), who are supporting this process, have engaged Greater Manchester Rape Crisis to ensure we can make specialist survivor trauma-informed therapy for men or women.



**DEALING WITH ANY CONCERNS OR SOMETHING THAT YOU FEEL UNSURE ABOUT**

**In the event that you are worried about a child or adult who is being harmed or at risk of being harmed then please email the Manchester Diocesan Safeguarding Team at [safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org)**

**thirtyone:eight (Churches Child Protection Advisor Service) may be contacted out of hours on 0303 003 1111. If you feel that a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm ring 999 immediately and update the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible.**