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Safeguarding Newsletter - November 2022

Safeguarding Sunday 2022

I would like to start by thanking everyone who took part in Safeguarding Sunday. I really wanted this to be a celebration of our amazing volunteers this year and also of the many examples of good work that go on across our churches. I do feel a great sense of pride in our Parish Safeguarding Officers and the contributions you make. If anyone has any interesting stories about what you did in your parish for the event or even about examples of great safeguarding work, you do please can you share these with us.

Training update

I'm incredibly happy about the feedback from our new and improved training provision. I'm particularly happy that many people who have felt frustrated about having to train have come out feeling so different about it. For me Leadership Training acknowledges the huge contribution many of you are making to the future of the church and the culture within it. I'm pleased to announce that we have two dates available for the Parish Safeguarding Officers Induction available to book. These take place in person at Flourish House, Wells and are suitable for both new and existing PSOs on 15 December and 5 January via our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Forum

Our next forum will be on 11 January at 3.30pm. Please note following your feedback it will take place on Zoom not Teams as previously. I will share the link in December's newsletter.

Appeal for volunteers to deliver face to face Basic Awareness and Foundation Training

We are getting increasing demands from parishes to deliver face to face versions of online training where members of the parish can't access the internet. My team are not resourced to provide this and our absolute priority this year has to be delivering Leadership Training to the 1300 people still requiring it. Due to current financial pressures I'm not in a position where I can increase staffing and as such, over the course of this last year, used volunteers to provide Basic and Foundation as an in-person session. If you have done this previously and are willing to support us again please could you let me know as soon as possible?

Christmas cover

Please note that Flourish House will be closed after 23 December and the Safeguarding Team will be on leave between then and 3 January 2023. There will not be access to DBS support or non-emergency safeguarding work during that period and as such please factor this into any plans you may have for your parishes. I will provide further details and emergency contact information in Decembers newsletter.

Best wishes,

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