

Safeguarding Training Newsletter: February 2022



Diocesan Safeguarding Learning and Development Officer

I hope that everyone has had a good start to 2022 and are looking forward to green shoots arriving in Spring.

There are a few safeguarding updates to be aware of in 2022 so I thought it was a good time to get in touch to share these with you.

My name is Christine Lamb and I joined the Diocesan Safeguarding Team as the Learning and Development Officer in September 2021. Prior to joining the team, I worked as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) in Northamptonshire, having been registered as a qualified Social Worker for over 30 years and holding Leadership positions within Children's Services. As well as leading and developing training and learning, I am very keen to be available to support you in the vital roles you play in our worshipping communities to ensure that a culture of safeguarding is really embedded in everything we do.

Many of you will be familiar with the national and diocesan safeguarding context, but for 2022 I would like to share a few updates. These updates are largely from national Church of England requirements from House of Bishops' guidance and policy, and through some updated legislative changes that are expected later this year. So, it's important everyone is aware of what the training now entails and what churches and PCCs need to have on their radar.



Safeguarding Learning and Development framework – Church of England

This is the framework for 2022-2024 that all dioceses, cathedrals, churches, PCCs are required to implement.

This framework is now available:-

https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-learning-and-development.

Here you can view the new National Safeguarding Team's safeguarding e-manual. As part of the framework, you will see there are different modules for different roles. Some are online modules and others are delivered face to face or via Zoom learning. Please do check out the diocesan website to see what training is available in a mixture of different formats and who needs to do what, or speak with your incumbent, PSO/BSO.

To support you with all this we will send you updates via a safeguarding newsletter but do also remember that you are always able to contact us directly with any of your questions, or book into one of the new monthly Zoom safeguarding drop in's (details below).

Learning Forums for Parish Safeguarding Officers

We are running biannual forums for Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs). These sessions are designed to help PSOs understand the role, identify ways to raise awareness and improve safeguarding practice and support you to be able to make your own parish/worshipping communities to make a plan to develop safeguarding.

The dates for these forums will be advertised within a newsletter later on in the year, our aim is to put on a couple of sessions in June and July, asking outside speakers to attend. So watch this space.

Safeguarding monthly Zoom safeguarding drop-ins

The Safeguarding Team are running monthly safeguarding drop in's where you can learn more about an aspect of safeguarding, get updates, share good practice and discuss training or case work with the team. The drop-ins will take place the 1st Monday of every month from 11am until 1pm. We can also be contacted in the normal way i.e. via phone calls or email – this is just an alternative option. This is an internal drop-in session at the moment. Please see the attached flyer and circulate to your teams.



No need to book: Click here to join the meeting



Basic and Foundation Training (Previously known as CO and C1)

There has been a slight change in respect of who needs to complete the foundation training. Previously, PCC members need only complete the Basic Safeguarding Training, now they are expected to complete the Foundation Safeguarding Training too. This training needs to be renewed every 3 years at the highest level that has been completed, for example if you have completed the foundation training previously you do not have to renew the basic training only the foundation.

The basic and foundation training can be accessed online via: https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

For those who do not have access to a computer, there are face-to-face PowerPoint presentations for both the basic and foundation training. These can be delivered by

volunteers within your Parishes. Please contact me, contact details below, if you wish to carry this out. Alternatively, someone in the Parish could sit with the learners with their computer and go through the on-line training and Sharon Welbourne will produce certificates for the participants if you forward the names of those who attended. Sharon.welbourne@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Help with accessing on-line courses

We have had a number of emails with people having difficulty in logging into the online training.

How to complete portal based training online:

- Click on link to National Safeguarding team training portal - safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/
- 2. Click on create new account if you have not previously registered for one, don't forget to give the name of your church. If you have previously registered sign in and go to step 6. (If you have forgotten your password, then you should be able to click the forgotten password link and be sent an email to reset it. If you do not see it, check your junk email folder. If you still have problems contact the portal support
 - email: <u>elearning@safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org</u>)
- 3. Enter your details.
- 4. Enter Diocese of Peterborough. Don't forget to give your Church/ fresh expression name and location and the role that you have,
- 5. Enter 'not part of training institution' on institution drop down box
- 6. Go to Courses, at the top left hand side of the screen, and choose the relevant course. Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training (formerly C0 and approximately 75 minutes), Foundation Safeguarding Training (formally C1 and approximately 90 minutes), Safer Recruitment and People Management (approximately 1½ 2 hours). Modern Day Slavery related training is under the resources heading.
- 7. Complete the relevant module, you can take a break and pick it up again from where you left off by clicking on the course again.
- 8. Once completed core module save/ print off certificate, as you may need to produce it at some point. It will also be helpful to save a copy, although you can also access it at any time through the portal. If you need to find your certificate again it can be found by clicking the triangle next to your name in the top right hand of the page, then click view profile and then My Certificates which is under the miscellaneous heading.

Direct support

We really appreciate all your commitment and what you are doing, and we appreciate that this can feel rather a lot to take in, plan for and then keep track of! Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or would like any

support to access or embed the training. I am available every week day, by phone and email, on christine.lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk or 01733 887041.



How to get in touch

Please do check out our <u>website pages</u>. We will do our best to keep the information as up to date as possible, but just as a reminder of who we are and how to contact us:

- For any questions relating to training please contact Christine Lamb: Christine.Lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
- For any safeguarding event please contact Sharon Welbourne: Sharon.welbourne@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
- For any questions relating to DBS please contact thirtyone:eight on 0303 003 1111
- For any concerns or casework please contact: Angie Barber, Assistant DSA or Bev Huff, DSA:

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