

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Hello and welcome to the April edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter.

Safeguarding is at the centre of our faith, in our practice, in our worship, in our praying, and in our believing. In other words, safeguarding needs to become integral to the life of the Church rather than an appendage, with good safeguarding behaviours flowing naturally and intuitively. This requires recognition that safeguarding needs to move away from something that is in some respects external / imposed upon the Church, to something that flows from within the soul of the Church. Thank goodness that so many of you understand this and are able to sensitively manage the occasions when others don't quite get it and, despite the impact that this may have on your own motivation and well-being, you continue to embed safeguarding due to the passion and commitment you have. Thank you.

We are committed to offering a warm and safe welcome to everyone who attends our churches, especially to children, young people and vulnerable adults. This is integral to our vision to be a place where people discover and deepen their sense of God's love for them and are drawn to join in prayer, worship and the life of the church.

The war in Ukraine has led to an understandable outpouring of concern and many people are eager to help if they can. The announcement by the UK Government of a scheme whereby refugees may be welcomed into private homes has already had a large number of responses and the Diocese has received enquiries from clergy and

parishioners who are interested in taking part in the scheme. The Diocese of Peterborough website has information to signpost people in the Peterborough Diocese to the ways they can most helpfully support the many refugees, whether they come to Britain or find refuge elsewhere. Here is the link: [Diocese of Peterborough | War in Ukraine: responding \(peterborough-diocese.org.uk\)](http://Diocese of Peterborough | War in Ukraine: responding (peterborough-diocese.org.uk))

Safeguarding is not just a matter of words. We put survivors first, strive to care for those who have been harmed and live up to best practice. We work with statutory and other authorities to deal effectively with harm and learn lessons which will make our churches and our world a safer place for all.

We now have a separate safeguarding training newsletter, so watch out for that. This issue of the safeguarding newsletter provides an update on: new safeguarding email address for the DSA team; Raising safeguarding awareness for young people; updated safeguarding website. So, please grab some refreshments and read on:



New Diocesan Safeguarding Team Email



The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Team are piloting a new way of getting in contact with us. This is to ensure that there is a more effective system in place that reduces delays in enquiries being responded to. The email address will be monitored Monday – Friday during team working hours. Here is the email address:

Safeguarding@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

If you need to contact the safeguarding team for safeguarding enquiries / raise concerns then please start to use the above email address.

The safeguarding information held on the safeguarding page of the Diocese of Peterborough website has been updated with the information.

I have noticed that some parish / benefice websites have Sam Suddery shown and she left the team several years ago and some still have Samantha Jackson. Could I ask that all parishes / benefices check their own websites to check that the contact

details for the DSA team are up to date. My details, Bev Huff, and my email address will need to be removed as I am leaving my role (more about this later in the newsletter). The new email address above might make things easier.



Safeguarding Awareness for Young People



As part of a preventative piece of work the DSA team are looking at ways to raise awareness for young people in relation to building healthy relationships and safe on-line practices.

We are currently liaising with another Diocese who have started work in this area so further updates will be provided soon

In the meantime the 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command' (CEOP) have created a new website for young people aged 11-18. This has information on online safety and relationships. It has also updated its toolkit of activities that schools, youth work and other educational settings in the UK can use to educate young people about online safety. It helps to:

- Develop confident, healthy approaches to relationships and the internet
- Identify any negative behaviour they encounter and respond with resilience
- Know where they can access advice and guidance on these issues
- Know where to go to for help if they ever feel worried or threatened online or in a relationship

To take a look at the information copy and paste the link onto the internet to visit their webpage: [11-18s | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11-18s/)



DBS Checks:

If you have any questions about safer recruitment or DBS checks then please contact

Thirtyone:eight DBS enquiries: 0303 003 1111



REMINDERS

1. If someone discloses to you something which amounts to an offence you must inform the DSA team and in an emergency call 999 / 101
2. If you make a referral about a young person or vulnerable adult during your role within a church, then the DSA team must be informed and any referral forms copied to them
3. Please let Karen Setchfield know if you are new to your role or your role has changed: karen.setchfield@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
4. If, as a church officer, someone disclosed something to you which you did not report or raise the concern at the time or subsequently then please speak with the DSA team
5. DSA drop in sessions are still on offer on the first Monday of every month from 09:30am – 10:30am (time has changed) where you can contact your DSA team to discuss any safeguarding concerns, training enquiries, policy and procedure clarification, sign-posting, well-being support or just a natter and a cup of tea. Here is the link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)





As many of you will know I leave my role on 21/04/2022. I want to say a huge personal thank you to those of you who have given me support in the time I have been here. The laughter and the tears, the good times and the challenging times – you have been the ones who have kept me going. I have no plans other than taking time to be with my husband, family and friends.

The DSA team are open and honest in the advice that we give and the work that we do, sometimes that is not what an individual may want to hear. We use our expertise and experience from our previous roles and current roles to assist in our judgement – everything is recorded as a clear audit trail to ensure that recommendations made are proportionate, legal, accountable and necessary.

The DSA team of Christine Lamb and Angie Barber are excellent ambassadors for safeguarding. Their experience, sensitivity, passion and can-do attitude will ensure that, in the Diocese of Peterborough, safeguarding continues to move forward. They will ensure that, as a team, we do not become complacent but continue to reflect and learn so that we can strive to do things better.

Thank you for everything that you have accomplished so far in embedding safeguarding and good luck for everything you will achieve moving forward.