

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

November 2021

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Welcome to the November edition of our safeguarding newsletter. As we move towards the end of Autumn and into Winter, preparing for Advent and Christmas, remember we all have a responsibility to care for one another, and to keep people safe from harm. It is especially important that children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected.

Our work is based on the following six safeguarding commitments, agreed on by the bishops of the Church of England in 2017:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present a risk to others

Safeguarding is something that is done naturally within our churches and in our roles. We want people to be safe and we want to prevent harm from happening. Rejoice in the great things that you and those around you are doing in your churches and teams – ensuring our churches are safe places and safe spaces for all. Let our safeguarding work continue to flow into the foundation of our churches and be integral to the very DNA of everything we do.

Safeguarding within our Diocese continues to be a priority and is at the heart of our Christian faith – it is everyone's responsibility. This newsletter will now cover: Safeguarding Training; Domestic Abuse Awareness training; Pilot Safeguarding Drop-In Sessions and Mother's Union Global Day;

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



The NST are looking for safeguarding training to be something that: *'flows from within the soul of the Church and at the centre of our faith. In our Practice, in our worship, in our praying and in our believing – to become integral to the very DNA of the Church rather than an appendage.'*

We have been informed by the NST that, from January 2022:

Dioceses MUST follow the 'fidelity of the Leadership Pathway training'

Safeguarding Leadership Pathway Training – *previously known as C2 or C3 Leadership Training*

The Safeguarding 'Leadership Pathway Training' is a training module that explores leadership in a safeguarding and theological context and is considerably different from previous leadership training. From January 2022 the training will look like this:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-learning-and-development> page 23

Fidelity to the Pathway	On-line Virtual Delivery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two 90-minute sessions delivered via Zoom, one-two weeks apart.• 2 facilitators.• Optimum number of participants: 12.• Pre-work completed and submitted before Session One.• Session One – the four questions are discussed as per the pathway.• Session Two – theological reflection is completed. Case study exercise is retained but a different case study could be used. Identifying three things learnt, three things to change.• Post Session Two – Watching documentary “Exposed – the Church’s Darkest Secret” or completing some additional reading within four weeks. Evaluation (comprising personal reflection) completed 4-6 weeks after Session Two

For this Diocese the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway training is for anyone who:

- Holds a Bishops License
- Holds Permission to Officiate
- Performs a safeguarding role (PSO / BSO / CSO)
- Church wardens where a church is in vacancy

As a Leader, how do I sign up to the Virtual Leadership training?



As Leaders, if you haven't completed Church of England / Diocesan safeguarding training in the last three years (2017 -2019) you will have to complete Basic Awareness (C0) and Foundation training (C1) first

- Sign up to the training by looking at the training dates and then contact Sharon Welbourne via email: Sharon.welbourne@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
- She will require your full name, email address, church role and whether you hold a Bishops License or if you are a Volunteer

The dates for the training are just being agreed, so keep an eye on the link below for the safeguarding training information and dates:

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/training/training>



DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

Please be patient as we are all adapting to this new training programme and cultural change takes time. We are also ensuring that the theological side to the training is co-delivered by experienced clergy.

Our December newsletter will explain what the new training entails and the timelines around this.

If you feel anxious or troubled about the leadership training, then please let Christine Lamb know so that she can speak with you about your concerns.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING



On 01/11/2021 the NST launched their on-line 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse' module. You can access the training here: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

The **required** attendees are:

- Anyone holding a Bishop's licence.
- Pastoral Visitors.
- Safeguarding Officers.
- PCC Members.

It is further **recommended** that any person holding any other pastoral role within the Church should attend.

If anyone has any feedback regarding the course, please contact:

Christine Lamb, Diocesan Safeguarding Learning and Development Officer:

Christine.lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Or

Lisa Clarke, National Safeguarding Team Learning and Development Manager:

Lisa.clarke@churchofengland.org

DSA DROP-IN-SESSIONS



The Diocesan Safeguarding Team are looking at new ways that we can reach out to everyone across the Diocese to offer safeguarding help and advice. At the moment this is an internal drop-in session.

From November 2021, we started piloting a 'virtual drop-in safeguarding session' on the first Monday of every month between 11am – 1pm. We had a couple of people come along, so thank you for that. This isn't everyone's cup of tea, but no one size fits all.

At these drop-in sessions you can discuss any safeguarding concerns, training enquiries, policy and procedure clarification, sign-posting, well-being support or just a natter and a virtual cup of tea.

We can also be contacted in the normal way i.e. via phone calls or email. The drop-in sessions are just an alternative option. We will be trailing this for 6 months and will then review what has worked well and what can be improved.

Please see the attached flyer and circulate to your teams.



No need to book: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

MOTHERS' UNION GLOBAL DAY

27 NOV 2021

Saturday 27 November 2021 has been set aside for 'Global Day'.

The DSA team are working on projects with the Mothers' Union (MU) in raising awareness on safeguarding matters such as: domestic abuse, modern slavery, child sexual exploitation etc. A big thank you to Jill Cannings and Nicola Vaughan and all of their teams for supporting these worthwhile causes. Here is a link to their website: <http://mothersunionpeterborough.org>

Jill Cannings explains:

As we prepare for the joy of Christmas, Global Day allows us a time of reflection for families suffering various forms of violence and oppression. We will be joining with MU members worldwide to call for the end of Domestic Violence affecting 1 in 3 families. We join with other agencies who are concerned about all forms of violence in families and Modern Day slavery. We will hold a brief service / reflection in the North transept of Peterborough Cathedral at 11am on 27 November 2021

Practical plans: Plans have been made in consultation with safeguarding colleagues in the Diocese, senior church staff, other agencies. Suitable permission has been sought for this event. The plan is to:

- Meet in Car Haven car park adjacent to the cathedral (Bishop's Road PE1 1YX) from 10am.
- Please bring your MU banners and publicity materials. It will be a busy time for Christmas shopping, but other car parks are available nearby. Some people will be wearing purple scarves as a theme
- We will gather near the exit, and space next to the toilets.
- From about 10.30 am we will walk carefully along the pavement to Bridge Street, the busy, wide shopping street heading towards the Cathedral.
- We will hand out publicity materials or be prepared to share information about our concerns. This is a peaceful, awareness sharing event.
- Turn right into the Cathedral precincts.
- Others may wish to join us at the front door of the Cathedral at 11am.
- On entry we will be shown to the area for our service/ reflection in the North Transept.

At the end we will not process back. People may wish to stop for a coffee, drink, light lunch or to do their shopping.

Please let Christine Lamb or Bev Huff know if you would like to take part in this event.

NOTIFICATION FOR SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS



Regardless of circumstances, if you see or hear something which makes you think that a child, young person or vulnerable adult may be being neglected or abused in

any way, you should not hesitate to report your concerns. In an emergency call 999. Please continue to contact the DSA team via email or phone. If you do phone leave a message on our answer machines as we do pick the messages up remotely.

Any safeguarding concerns, referrals that have been made to our statutory partners and any allegations of crimes that have been committed **must** be brought to the attention of the DSA Team.

Who do I contact?

Safeguarding concerns:

Beverly Huff, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 01733 887040 or e-mail at: bev.huff@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Christine Lamb, Diocesan Learning and Development Officer: 01733 887041 or e-mail at: christine.lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

DBS Checks:

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

Thirtyone:eight DBS enquiries: 0303 003 1111

Safeguarding Training Modules

See our training link on Peterborough Diocese website under safeguarding:

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/training/training>

Or contact

Christine Lamb, Diocesan Learning and Development Officer: 01733 887041 or e-mail at: christine.lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Sharon Welbourne: 01733 887027 or e-mail at: sharon.welbourne@peterborough-diocese.org.uk





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 for advice / support
5. Your Local Authority will have free safeguarding training available – please look on their website for sessions that might be of interest

THANK YOU



We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in supporting Beverly, Christine and Sharon in embedding safeguarding within our churches.

We couldn't do this without your help. Together, within our Diocese, it is about teamwork and working together internally and externally with others. We are making our churches safe places to be part of – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

You can get information about many of your safeguarding queries on line at
www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/safeguarding