

Survey Results



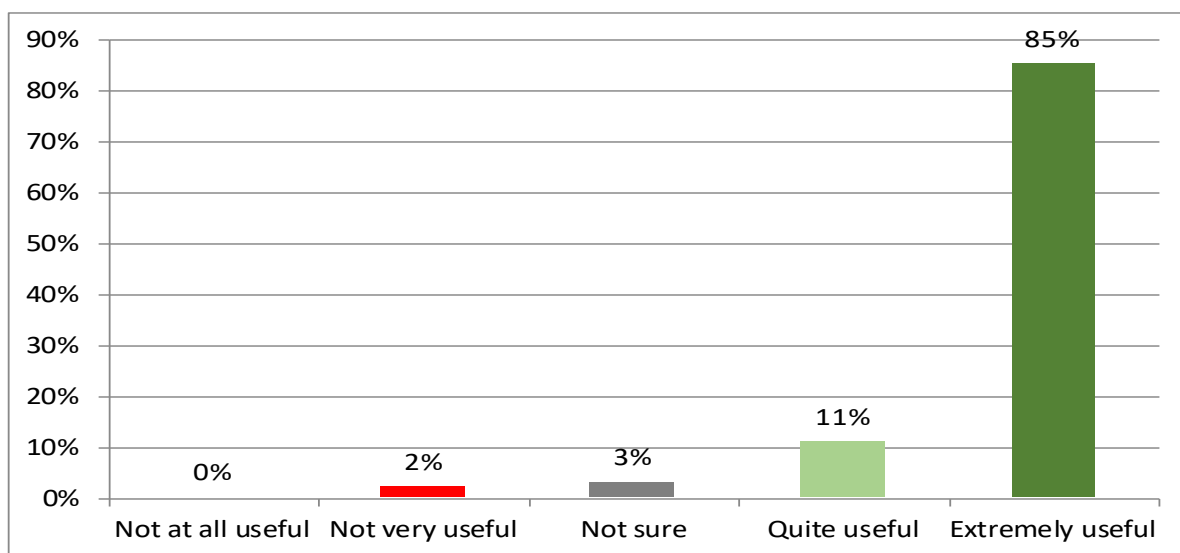
Safeguarding Hubs - Stage 1

On 30 March 2023, a survey was sent to 122 users of *Safeguarding Hubs* within the first cohort of six dioceses (Blackburn, Bristol, Ely, Exeter, Hereford and London).¹

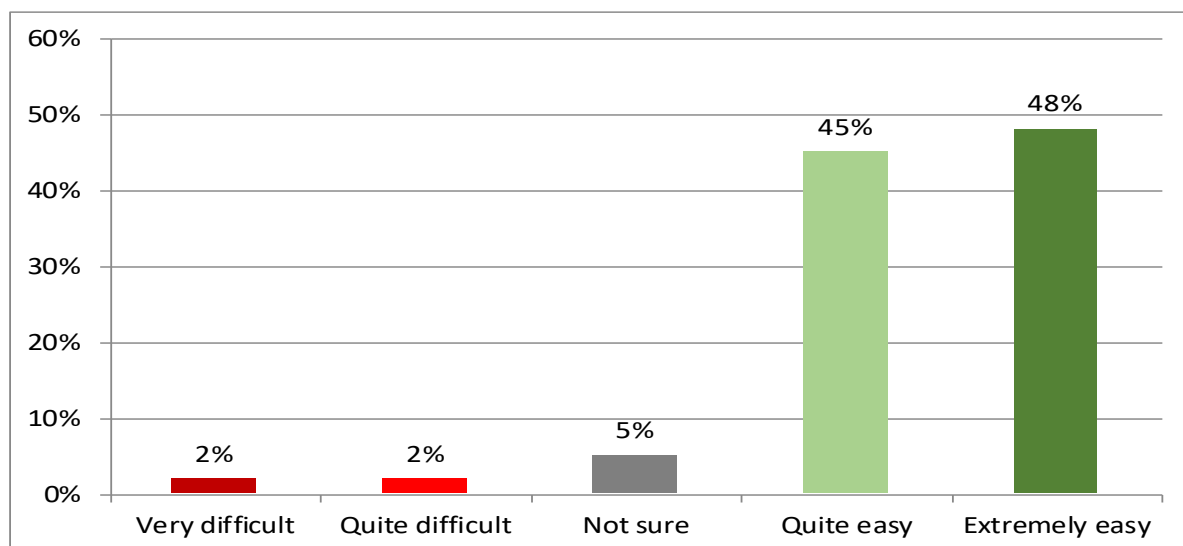
The survey requested feedback about **Stage 1** of their *Safeguarding Hub*. This helps parishes to keep track of DBS checks and safeguarding training for all church volunteers and staff.

The following responses were received from 65 people.

How useful do you think Stage 1 will be?



How easy have you found it to use?



1. The survey was sent to all parishes that had added at least five people to their Safeguarding Hub on 31 March 2023.

Why do 85% of users think that Stage 1 will be extremely useful?

Here are some of the reasons that they gave:

- “It ensures that there is one single record for Vicar and PSO to access, and it can be kept up to date easily.”
- “It will make my life easier with four other parishes to keep an eye on as well as my own.”
- “It replaces a clunky Excel spreadsheet that I used to run. It introduces the discipline of defining roles and checks/training requirements first and then assigning people to roles. It can be accessed by others who need to monitor progress.”
- “It saves having to trawl through records each year to see when renewals are due because the information is flagged up in a timely manner.”
- “I especially like the simple traffic light system, and also how the Role Creator can be used for determining the correct level of training and DBS eligibility for new volunteers.”
- “I have found it difficult to keep track of these things without lots of paper, or complicated spreadsheets, whereas when I tried the Hub I can see it provides a straightforward and secure way to do the job.”
- “The Hub not only allows you to log the date when something happened (e.g. training or a DBS check) but also tracks the time to when this will need to be renewed. This is really helpful.”
- “It saves time and paper work.”
- “The reports are invaluable for giving to PCC meetings to remind people of their status.”
- “All information up to date and in one place.”
- “It's so clear. We had already created our own spreadsheet to input the same data, but the Hub does the same work for us, and makes it even clearer to see who needs what/who needs renewal etc, and easier to share between the priest and Parish Safeguarding Officer.”
- “It reduces the amount of recording, and the time involved. It also leads you through what is required.”
- “It give me all the information that I need in one place. I don't have to go into the parish office to check - instead I can check from my iPad or mobile phone.”
- “It is streamlined. Clear as to who should have the checks and enables us not to miss people.”
- “It will help me to save time and energy to keep track of outstanding DBS checks.”
- “We had no systems in place and this provided one which was very easy to establish.”

And much more is on the way...

Stage 1 is just the first of four stages:

- **Stage 2** helps a parish to create *Role Descriptions and Person Specifications* (now available)
- **Stage 3** keeps track of the safer recruitment of new volunteers
- **Stage 4** helps with people management

Find out more at... safeguardinghubs.org.uk/introduction.php