



DSA Update

Dear Safeguarding Co-ordinators,

It was good to meet so many of you at the 'Coffee Camp' on 12 March 2016. For those of you who were unable to attend, I will briefly introduce myself. I started to work for the Diocese of Ely in December 2015. I have taken over the role from Yvonne Quirk - a hard act to follow! I am part time, working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and am 'on-call' to respond to queries outside of those days. My professional background is in Social Work with children and families with Cambridgeshire County Council where I worked for almost 20 years. My last 8 years were in the LADO Team, which manages allegations against adults who work or volunteer with children. I had previously worked with the Diocese of Ely on individual cases and

represented the LADO Team on the Diocesan Safeguarding Management Group.

This is a time of huge change in the Church of England's response to safeguarding and we will do our best to update you with developments as they arise. Below are some of the key areas of development.

A heartfelt thank you to you all for your time and commitment in this important area of work for the Diocese. I hope you are able to attend the Bishop's Garden Party for Safeguarding Co-ordinators on 27 June and look forward to seeing those who are able to attend.

Rebecca

National Updates

Goddard Inquiry

The Diocese of Ely is continuing to respond to information requests from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. The Inquiry will investigate whether public bodies and other non-state institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales. The Church of England is one of the key institutions responding to the Enquiry. All Dioceses are required to respond to information requests which are ongoing. For further information visit <https://www.iicsa.org.uk> Please be mindful that all Safeguarding Records which may be relevant to the Enquiry **MUST NOT BE DESTROYED**

National Policy & Practice Guidance

The 'Towards a 'Safer' Church' Programme is rolling out updates and revisions of national Church of England Safeguarding policies. It is planned that a combined policy replacing 'Protecting All God's Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

will be presented House of Bishops for approval by December 2016. Once these policies are in place the Diocese of Ely will need to revise its Safeguarding Policy accordingly this will then lead to a need for Parish Safeguarding Policies to be updated.

Independent Audit

Along with all Dioceses across the UK the Diocese of Ely will be independently audited in relation to safeguarding by the Social Care Institute for Excellence. Our audit is in July 2016. We welcome the opportunity to receive feedback and constructive advice in relation to our practice. The report will be published on our web page, any recommendations arising from the Audit which are relevant to Safeguarding Co-ordinators will be communicated. Be aware that the Auditors may require information from Safeguarding Co-ordinators in respect of individual cases or other relevant matters. Many thanks to those Co-Ordinators who volunteered to meet with the Auditors.

Bishop’s Garden Party Invitation

The Bishop will again host a Garden Party for Safeguarding co-ordinators on the 27 June 2016— 6.30pm at the Bishop’s House. If you have not yet replied to this invitation please could you do so as soon as possible for catering purposes.

Training— We have a number of available spaces on the training courses below. If you have not attended any safeguarding training in the last 3 years please contact Sarah.King (sarah.king@elydiocese.org) to book your places.

Day	Month	Year	Location	Course
18	6	2016	Downham Market	Day 1
16	7	2016	Downham Market	Day 2
11	10	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 1
19	10	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 2
8	11	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 1
16	11	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 1
22	11	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 2
6	12	2016	Diocesan Office, Ely	Day 2

Gentle reminders...

DBS—These should be renewed every 5 years so please check who in your parishes may need to complete a new application. If your parish has not

registered with the on-line application service please contact Sarah (sarah.king@elydiocese.org) as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Policy—Does your parish have a safeguarding policy? Is it on display on the church notice board? Policies should be reviewed annually to take in to account any local or procedural changes.

Training—Ely diocese is lucky to have a pool of safeguarding trainers who can come out to your parish and deliver the 2 1/2 hour basic awareness training . Again please contact Sarah (sarah.king@elydiocese.org) if you would like to organise a training session in your parish.

Registering as a safeguarding co-ordinator—if you are the safeguarding co-ordinator or your parish has just appointed a new safeguarding co-ordinator please remember to register with this office to ensure receipt of information relevant to the role is received.

Paper applications with outstanding issues. These applications are now not valid and a new on-line application will need to be completed.

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