

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

February 2018



The Church of England
Diocese of Ely

Safeguarding Team Update

We are delighted to welcome two new team members.

Jane Moore is our Training Administrator to deal with all aspects of preparation and follow up administration for safeguarding training across the Diocese. Jane's working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and she is contactable on 01353 652738 or safeguarding.training@elydiocese.org.

Sharon Gage is our new Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser who is available to offer advice and support in relation to safeguarding issues in parishes. Sharon's working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and she is contactable on 01353 652706 or sharon.gage@elydiocese.org



New House of Bishops Practice Guidance

'Responding to, assessing and managing safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers' was released in October 2017

This updates and replaces the following:

- 'Responding to Serious Safeguarding Situations relating to Church Officers' Practice Guidance (June 2015)
- 'Risk Assessment for Individuals who may Pose Risk to Children and Adults' Practice Guidance (June 2015).
- 'Protecting All God's Children 2010' - Chapter 7 'Managing Allegations against Church Officers', Chapter 8 'Suspected abusers and known offenders' and 'the model agreement with offender'
- 'Promoting a Safe Church 2006' (that relates to concerns or allegations against church officers).

The guidance offers the Church an integrated approach and procedure to respond to, assess and manage safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers who have a role with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults. As part of this it aims to use (and adapt for the Church context) established models of risk assessment from statutory and specialist agencies. It also includes the risk assessment and management of those that may pose a known risk to children, young people and/or vulnerable adults within our Church congregations and communities.

Further House of Bishops Practice Guidance, also published in October includes:

Glossary reference document (2017)

Key roles and responsibilities of church office holders and bodies practice guidance (2017)

The Anglican church in England and Wales is one of 13 investigations being looked at by IICSA, the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#), chaired by Professor Jay.

The Inquiry's main objective is to consider the extent of any institutional failures to protect children from sexual abuse within the Anglican Church but only really looking at the Church of England and the Church in Wales

The Inquiry has set out more information about the timescales for the investigation:

- there will be another preliminary hearing in January which should give more details about the process and further hearing dates;
- the hearings for the case study in to the Diocese of Chichester will start on 5th March 2018 for a period of 3 weeks;
- the hearings for the Peter Ball case study will start on 23 July for 5 days.

We are expecting another set of hearings addressing some of the broader organisational issues to be announced and heard during 2019.

Parish Q & A Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/Parish%20QA%20Feb%201.pdf>

Criminal Record checks and training requirements for PCC members **A message from Bishop Stephen**

[Criminal records checks and safeguarding training requirements for churchwardens and PCC members - a note from Bishop Stephen - December 2017](#)



C1 Training Online Launch

Along with CO the C1 safeguarding training module is now available online – let your parish know. To complete the training please copy the link below into a browser address bar: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> Once on this page click on the 'online courses' option, create a new account and follow the instructions.



Policies, Procedures and Parish Safeguarding Resources on the Diocese of Ely Website

The Safeguarding Pages on the Diocese of Ely website have been comprehensively updated. Please take a look.

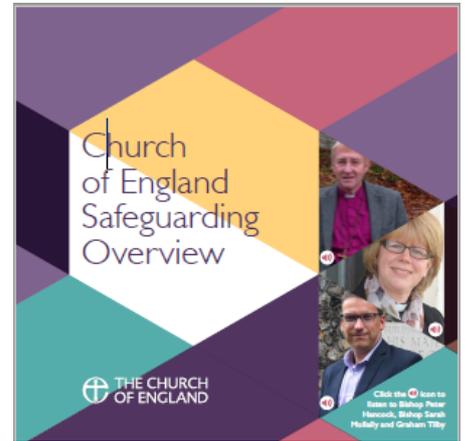
<http://www.elydiocese.org//safeguarding>

There are a range of Parish Forms and Templates available to be downloaded for parish use.

It is a work in progress and we would be grateful for any feedback you have or if you notice any snags. If there is information or resources that you would like to see on there, please let us know.

The website resources will replace the parish officers pack. Part of the focus on the Parish Safeguarding Officers training days in March and September will be on introducing the resources available on the new webpages.

An interactive Overview of safeguarding is now available for download as part of the launch of the new Church of England website. The document provides perspectives from various individuals about their role in promoting a safer church for all. To download it go to: <https://cms.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Church%20of%20England%20Safeguarding%20Review.pdf>



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

The [Charity Commission's new safeguarding strategy](#) says that safeguarding is a key governance priority for all charities, not just those working with groups traditionally considered at risk. The strategy explains that trustees should ensure their charity provides a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and anyone who comes into contact with it. It also makes clear that safeguarding goes beyond preventing physical abuse, and includes protecting people from harm generally, including neglect, emotional abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, and the consequences of the misuse of personal data.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



PSO Training and Network Mornings

Includes a tasty brunch and the opportunity to meet and network with Parish Safeguarding colleagues.

The focus of the days will be an update in relation to safeguarding in the Church and Diocese, the new website and a surgery to discuss issues affecting your parish. There is a choice of two dates for 2018:

10 March 09.30—12.30 at St Barnabas Church, Huntingdon

or

22 September 9.30—12.30 at The Hub Cambourne.

E-mail Jane Moore at safeguarding.training@elydiocese.org to book

Safeguarding Garden Party at the Bishop of Ely's House

As a huge thank you for all your valuable contributions to the safeguarding work of the Diocese, Parish Safeguarding Officers and their spouse or guest are warmly invited to a relaxed summer's evening in the beautiful setting of Bishop of Ely's Garden in the shadow of Ely Cathedral. Wine, soft drinks and canapes will be served and the Right Reverend Bishop Stephen, other Senior Clergy, Diocesan staff and the Safeguarding Team will be there.

19th June 2018 6.30—9.30pm

R.S.V.P.

E-mail Jane Moore at safeguarding.training@elydiocese.org to RSVP



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Cambridgeshire Adult Services : Telephone: 0345 045 5202 Out of Hours: 01733 234724

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Telephone: 101 (in an emergency call **999**)

Norfolk Children's Services : Telephone: 0344 800 8020

Norfolk Adult Services: Telephone: 0344 800 8020

Diocesan Website (Safeguarding)

<http://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding/>

Church of England Website (Safeguarding)

<http://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-adults.aspx>

We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ.