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Welcome to the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Newsletter.

A quarterly publication produced by the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Department to help advise and guide our parishes and church leaders on a range of safeguarding related matters.

Remember, you can contact the team and find a range of supporting materials on the [Ely Diocesan Safeguarding pages of the website by clicking here](https://elydatabase.org/events/safeguarding)

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PSO meeting 9 July at 10 am

We are delighted to announce our speaker for the meeting is Jo Fowler, the Regional Safeguarding Lead for East Anglia within the National Safeguarding Team. Jo joined us after a long career in the Probation Service six months ago. Her role focuses on enhancing safeguarding practices across the region by supervising diocesan and cathedral safeguarding officers, supporting the implementation of national standards, and helping Church bodies respond to audit findings. She also leads a Regional Safeguarding Network to promote collaboration and best practice.

If you haven't booked to attend yet please do so via this link
<https://elydatabase.org/events/safeguarding>

Safeguarding Referrals - Imminent Threat

Recently, several referrals have been made to the duty phone regarding situations that posed an imminent threat to church staff and the congregation. In cases of safeguarding emergencies, the police must be contacted immediately via 999.

Two incidents have been reported involving individuals either possessing or claiming to possess a firearm. Both cases presented a direct and imminent danger to church staff and the congregation—circumstances in which contacting the police via 999 was necessary.

When an incident of such a nature is reported to the Police the caller will be provided with an incident number that should be added to the log of concern and then referred into the Diocesan Safeguarding team via the process outlined below.

- When making a referral by calling the Safeguarding Duty Message Service, please leave a message with your name, telephone number and a brief explanation of the reason for your call.



The team member on duty will be alerted to your message and will call you back to discuss your safeguarding referral, offering professional advice and support and together with you agree a plan to manage the next steps.

- **In a safeguarding emergency please contact the Police on 999**

Out of hours: To report a safeguarding concern when the Diocesan Office is closed, or when Diocesan Safeguarding Team members are unavailable, you can call the **Safeguarding Duty Telephone Number: 01353 652747**, which will forward your call to our partners at the '[thirtyone:eight](https://www.thirtyoneeight.org/)' Helpline. Let them know that you are calling from the Diocese of Ely. (Please note that the Helpline is not available between Midnight and 7.00am.)

All emergency and non emergency concerns and allegations must be recorded and discussed with the DSA within 24 hours of receiving the information or as soon as the information becomes known and not left until the end of the day. The Safeguarding Team transfer the duty phone over to Thirtyone:eight at 5pm when they are due to finish work.

Slow reporting could lead to increased risk for the parties involved.

Head of Safeguarding – Sarah Kennedy

We look forward to welcoming Sarah Kennedy as the Head of Safeguarding on the 7 July.

We hope Sarah will be able to join us for our meeting on 9 July briefly to introduce herself.

Growing Younger Newsletter

Read the Summer 2025 edition of our [Growing Younger Newsletter](#) to hear about all things Children, Youth and Families, with information on resources, news, training, and opportunities for networking. Sign up to receive future newsletters here: elydiocese.org/subscribe-growing-younger-newsletter hear about all things Children, Youth and Families, with information on resources, news, training, and opportunities for networking. Sign up to receive future newsletters here: elydiocese.org/subscribe-growing-younger-newsletter

Multi Agency Safeguarding Training – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough



The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board is committed to providing an effective training program to all agencies across Cambridgeshire. Research has shown that multi-agency training is highly effective in helping professionals understand their respective roles and responsibilities, the procedures of each agency involved in safeguarding children and adults at risk, and in developing a shared understanding of assessment and decision-making practices. This training is **free** to those working in parishes. A list of training currently available can be found on their website. [Cambridge and Peterborough Multi Agency Training](#)

Professional Curiosity - Multi Agency Safeguarding Training Workshops

A new perspective on professional curiosity and how to enable it in practice

Professional curiosity is a phrase that we often use repeatedly throughout our safeguarding work with children, families and adults at risk. Using a narrative inquiry approach, new research, provides an illuminating perspective as to what the phrase actually means to safeguarding professionals and how we enable it within our practice.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children's Partnership Boards and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Boards are proud to present two workshops on professional curiosity based on the findings of recent doctoral research undertaken within our local area.

Workshops include:

Workshop One : What is Professional Curiosity in everyday safeguarding practice?

Workshop Two : What enables our Professional Curiosity in everyday safeguarding practice?

Please log in to your [Me Learning](#) account to book on to the Professional Curiosity Workshops.

To create an account, please use the following link <https://app.melearning.co.uk/>
If you already have an account but need access to our workspace, please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/vEEa6i7Le6>

If you have any trouble registering, please email safeguardingboardstraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Parish Safeguarding Officers Evensong and Garden Party

Approximately 60 Parish Safeguarding Officers attended Evensong followed by the Bishop's Garden party on 11 June. It was fantastic to see familiar faces and to meet new Parish Safeguarding Officers.



Farewell to the Parish Safeguarding Handbook

Important policy update

By agreement with the National Safeguarding Steering Group, please be aware the following documents have been removed from the Church of England website and are no longer to be used:

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Promoting a Safer Church (2017)
- Protecting all God's Children (2019)
- Promoting a Safe Church (2006)



Any further updates will be forwarded as currently this is all the information we have.

Spiritual Abuse Video

This video has been co-produced with survivors and experts in the field of spiritual abuse. It is designed to provide an introduction to the issues and provide some real life examples of how spiritual abuse can occur. The aim is to encourage conversations amongst church bodies, and reflection about their own cultures. This video can be challenging to watch and listen to. Sources of support are on screen at the end of the video, or you can access them [here](#).

[Section 4.2: Spiritual Abuse | The Church of England](#)

Another Safeguarding Team Update.....

Sarah King will be going into hospital for an operation on 26 June and off work for approximately 6 weeks thereafter. The other members of the Safeguarding Team will be monitoring Sarah's e-mails.

Contact the Team

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