



Thank you again for all you already do to keep the Diocese of Ely a safer place.....

Welcome to the latest edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continues to work from home with restricted access to the Diocesan Office.

Trauma Informed and Responsive Practice with Young People SWAY

The Youth Offending Psychology Service is in the process of rolling out training in Trauma Informed theory and practice, with the aim of enhancing trauma informed knowledge and skills across services working with children and young people.

This [SWAY](#) offers a first step into this area

with an awareness raising, virtual briefing on Trauma Informed and Responsive Practice with Young People.

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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children and Adult Partnership Board

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board continues to provide a programme of high quality courses that include basic awareness courses through to in depth courses and specific subject matter (e.g. Criminal Exploitation, Self-Neglect and Hoarding), providing an excellent opportunity to learn together with the overall aim that working together effectively leads to better improved outcomes for children, young people and adults by:

- A shared understanding of the principles, roles and responsibilities outlined in national guidance and local arrangements for safeguarding children, young people and adults.
- More effective and integrated services at both the strategic and individual case level;
- Improved communication and information sharing between professionals, including a common understanding of key terms, definitions and thresholds for action;
- Effective working relationships, including an ability to work in multi-disciplinary groups or teams;
- Learning from both local and national case review processes.

To view and book courses available please click [here](#)

Overseas Criminal Record Check for Parish Staff/Officers and Volunteers

In the Safer Recruitment and People Management guidance (8.6) it states the following
If a DBS is required for the role and the applicant has lived, worked or volunteered outside the United Kingdom for a continuous period of six months or more at any point within the previous 10 years, an overseas criminal records check must also be carried out, either via a third party provider or by the applicant requesting a Certificate of Good Character from the relevant embassy(ies).

What it doesn't say is whether this applied to all levels of DBS checks. We have sought clarification and the National Safeguarding Team have confirmed this only applies to Enhanced DBS checks. **It is not a requirement when not working with children or vulnerable adults and only a Basic DBS is required.**

New campaign to coincide with Anti-Slavery Day: Make it Slavery Free

To help galvanise our communities to act against modern slavery, The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's response to modern slavery, is launching a new campaign - [Make it Slavery Free](#). The hope is that groups and individuals will work towards building slavery-free communities by pledging to carry out three anti-slavery actions this year. This could include setting up a social action project, attending a safeguarding seminar on modern slavery, making a commitment to ethical purchasing or simply using the Safe Car Wash App.

The Clewer Initiative has [lots of anti-slavery ideas](#) online and has designed easily-customisable Make It Slavery Free posters and flyers, available to order from [Christian Publishing & Outreach](#). Please spread the word about [Make it Slavery Free](#) – it is a yearlong campaign and any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances.

Free Suicide Awareness Workshops

Free Suicide Awareness Workshops September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. CPSL Mind offer free-to-attend online STOP Suicide Talks and Workshops to equip you with the knowledge to spot warning signs, ask directly about suicide, support someone to stay safe and look after your own wellbeing.

Details of the events can be found at Training - [Stop Suicide Pledge](#)

“Let’s Talk about Domestic Abuse”

Library drop in with CWA Cambridge Women’s Aid has launched a “Let’s Talk about Domestic Abuse” programme at **Cambridge Central Library**. This regular drop-in event is open to all and will use examples from literature as a starting point to discuss the issue of domestic abuse. Let’s help change the conversation around domestic abuse and create a more supportive society for victims and survivors. Next meeting is Friday 14th October, 11am-noon.

Ely Cathedral and Diocese of Ely to mark Safeguarding Season

As part of the lead up to Safeguarding Sunday on the 20th November 2022, between Monday 14th and Friday 18th November, Ely Cathedral and the Diocese of Ely, will mark a Safeguarding Season to raise awareness of a number of safeguarding issues that have implications for everyone.

As part of the Season, a ‘LOUDfence’ installation will be present within the Cathedral, where anyone may pause to attach a ribbon, message, or pray, to show solidarity with all victims and survivors of abuse.

The Safeguarding Team will be present at the Cathedral on Monday 14th November from 10am – 4pm for anyone wishing to attend and will be there to provide information, support and advice. This will be followed at 5.30pm with a Safeguarding Evensong and then a Parish Safeguarding Event will be held from 6:30pm in The Lady Chapel.

The agenda for Safeguarding Season is still in the planning stage, but it is hoped that it will include an awareness campaign on social media, a link to a Spiritual Abuse video presented by Dr Lisa Oakley, a link to ‘If I Told You, What Would You do’, which is a joint strategy between Safespaces and Newcastle Diocese and which aims to engage with survivors of faith-based abuse, as well as with those who need to see, hear and respond well to them.

In addition there will be some webinar presentations, which people can register for, which will be delivered by Local and National Safeguarding Agencies around issues such as:

- The Domestic & Sexual Violence Group
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Local Safeguarding Partnership Board
- The Clewer Initiative (Modern Slavery & County Lines)
- Mankind (male victims of domestic abuse)
- DBS Workshop
- Drop-in session with the Safeguarding Team

Once the final program of events have been agreed in the next few weeks, we will then advertise this on the Cathedral and Diocesan websites and also provide the links for you to register for the webinar presentations.

We would encourage you all to support Safeguarding Season by spreading the word across your church communities for people to sign up to the events. They are open to staff, volunteers and the general public.

The poem below was written by Don Gee, as part of the preparatory work for the Safeguarding Leadership Training. Don has given permission to share his reflection about safeguarding in the Church.

Safeguarding

Dear Church,
I don't have it all together. . . but. . .

Where can I find shelter as I stagger from the swagger of the forces that surround and swamp?
From the pressures of the people who pontificate on plans that promise paradise,
while I struggle with the lot that I feel I have been dealt –
and flounder in the feeling of the unfairness of it all?

Will the church be there to help me, or will you turn away?
Will you come along beside me or let me slip away?
Will you help lift the load I carry, or have nothing more to say?

I don't have it all together - will you frown and pass me by?
Or will you stop and help me and hold me as I cry?
Will I contaminate and spoil your sacred, 'holy place'
Or will I find an outstretched hand that offers me His grace?

I don't have it all together, and I live with constant fear
That the one who hurt me some time back, may still be lurking near.
I don't have it all together, and I've added to my pain
One look at me and you'll see that this is all too plain.

The choices I have made may not have been the best,
But before you make a judgement and put me through your test
If you had been in my shoes, would you have got it right
Or would you walk and stumble too, while looking for the light?

The good book says we've all fell short and gone our different ways,
That's why He came to save us and rose up from the grave.
Safeguarding does sound good to me, so do the best you can
And perhaps some others, just like me, will come to know His plan.

I don't have it all together. . .
But church, is that not true of you as well?

Don July 2022

Survivor Survey

The National Safeguarding Team (NST) in the Church of England launched a national anonymous survey on 19 July to listen to all victims and survivors of abuse and how they would like to be involved in the development and implementation of a Church of England survivor engagement framework. The survey was initially planned to run until 18 September. With the great loss of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the deadline for the survey has been extended to **Sunday 9 October** to enable people to express their pain and pay their tributes. The survey will continue to provide a confidential and open space for many victims and survivors of abuse to share their views on how to have a say and participate in developing

and implementing a survivor engagement framework in the Church.

Please spread the word about the extension and continue to share the survivor engagement webpage with victims and survivors, as well with parishes, religious communities and any partner organisations, services and networks. The survey is open to any person who identifies themselves as being abused or neglected or being at risk of any type of abuse (including but not limited to, domestic, emotional, financial, spiritual or organisational abuse, exploitation, self-harm, neglect/acts of omission, etc). All the details about the survey (including a note about the extension) can be found here: [Survivor engagement | The Church of England](#). If you are active on social media in a professional capacity, please consider sharing the link to the engagement page with a notice about the extension.

Safeguarding Training Allowing a 'Pass' to not complete the training

As mentioned in the June edition of the Newsletter the National Safeguarding Team have created a discreet system of passes such that someone who is willing, wise, and wanting to serve the community but who has been the victim of the matters they are required to take a course on, be allowed a 'pass'. Such individuals should be offered a confidential conversation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor in order that the 'pass' can be granted and recorded as appropriate within training records. The DSA will have a confidential, supportive conversation with the person asking to be excused

Evensong and Canapes—Ely Cathedral at 5.30pm on 14 November

We are looking forward to seeing those who can join us at Ely Cathedral for evensong followed by Canapes in the Lady Chapel. This will be our first real opportunity to see you all face to face since 2019. It is going to be wonderful to see familiar faces again and to meet some of our new Parish Safeguarding Officers for the first time.



Safeguarding Team Contact Details

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continues to work from home.

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(Please **do not** use this number for queries about DBS checks, training or recruitment issues)

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