

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

APRIL 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter. Following the easing of restrictions the Safeguarding Team are returning to office-based working continuing to support parishes with safeguarding. An update on the recent Past Case Review (PCR2), training and development, and safer recruitment are included in this newsletter. Also included are contact details in relation to who to contact if you are concerned about a child or adult at risk.

Past Case Review - PCR2

The PCR2 review of the Diocese's records of safeguarding concerns has now been completed and a report completed by an Independent Reviewer (IR), Suzanne Cottrell. The final report has now been approved by the National Safeguarding Team. With regard to the management of safeguarding cases, the Report confirms that:

'All records reviewed have either been managed correctly with appropriate referral being made at the time, following the 2017 review, or have now been escalated to the DSA with actions to address any gaps as part of PCR2. Of those cases that have been escalated to the DSA, at the point of the IR submitting this report, the vast majority of cases referred to the DSA have now been fully actioned, the remainder are currently being actioned within the House of Bishops' policies as ongoing cases.'



This is a very positive outcome for Manchester Diocese. Thank you to all clergy and parish officers who assisted in this by confirming parish records. The recommendations from the report are currently being incorporated into a Safeguarding Development plan and this will be made available on Manchester Diocese's website in due course.

Policies and procedures

The Parish Handbook continues to be the main policy for parishes, outlining actions that should be taken in relation to concerns about an adult or child. More recent guidance in relation to training and development and safer recruitment have been introduced by national church (attached). A key change in the safer recruitment policy is that DBS checks are to be undertaken every three years rather than every five years which is in line with other agencies. All national church policy documents can be accessed via [Manchester Diocese's safeguarding web page](#). Please email the Safeguarding Team if you have any queries about safeguarding policy.

Safeguarding Training



The National Church's training and development framework (2021) outlines the requirements for safeguarding training. Basic awareness and foundation training is accessible on line for people who work with children and adults at risk, for example, Sunday School teachers and youth workers, and is accessible via this [link](#).

Leadership training is a requirement for all of those with safeguarding responsibilities who are involved in shaping the culture of the church. This includes clergy, Readers and Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators. These sessions are facilitated via Zoom to a maximum of 18 people. Between January and March 2022, licensed clergy are undertaking leadership training, whilst PTO clergy attend a course specific to them. Further sessions will be made available in April for church officers and volunteers who meet the criteria for this training. Courses can be booked via Eventbrite on our website. Safer recruitment and domestic abuse training are also available via the link above.

If you have any queries in relation to training or roles that meet the criteria for leadership training then please contact a member of the team via the training inbox: safeguardingtraining@manchester.anglican.org.

**DEALING WITH
ANY CONCERNS
OR SOMETHING
THAT YOU FEEL
UNSURE ABOUT**

In the event that you are worried about a child or adult who is being harmed or at risk of being harmed then please email the Manchester Diocesan Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@manchester.anglican.org or call 0161 828 1465.

thirtyone:eight (Churches Child Protection Advisor Service) may be contacted out of hours on 0303 003 1111. If you feel that a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm ring 999 immediately and update the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible.