



Safeguarding (Child and Adult Protection)

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Dear Parish Safeguarding Officers,

Welcome to the summer edition of our Safeguarding newsletter.

This edition contains some resources and information about a number of topics which we hope you find helpful and of interest. The dreadful events in Manchester and around the Cathedral at London Bridge and Borough Market have affected many and we have provided some links to a number of resources below.

There are some updates on a new course on Safer Recruitment and an online basic safeguarding awareness course which has become available. We are hugely grateful to our small group of volunteer trainers who are providing such an important service by delivering safeguarding training in parishes. We are looking for more people to help with the work so please read on if you are interested in getting involved. We're also looking for some PSOs to be involved in a new PSO focus group.

Finally, I'm delighted that we have this week welcomed Uzma Osinibi into the team as our full-time Safeguarding Administrator. Many of you will know Uzma from her previous role in supporting the work we do around DBS checks. We're very lucky to have Uzma with us and also to have Christine Daly remaining with us on a part-time basis to continue the wonderful work she does particularly on the training programme. I know how many people value the excellent packs which Christine prepares and the support she gives in many other ways.

I hope that you all have a good summer. As ever, if there is anything which you want to talk through with a member of the team, please do be in touch. Our contact details are shown below.

Kate Singleton
(Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser)

Manchester and London Terrorist Attacks

We continue to hold all those affected by the terrible recent events in Manchester and at London Bridge in our thoughts and prayers. Preventing and preparing for such events is challenging but there are things you can do. The National Counter Terrorism Security Office produced a resource for Places of Worship which gives lots of practical advice and is available online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/375136/Places_of_Worship_Reviewed.pdf

You could have a discussion with your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team about particular issues or concerns affecting your Church.

In the rare event of a firearms or weapon attack the NPCC, National Police Chiefs' Council, refer you to the simple **Run Hide Tell** approach. A poster you can display explaining this can be downloaded at

http://www.npcc.police.uk/StaySafeAssets/NPCC_CT_A5%202pp.pdf

A 4 minute film with commentary and a shorter silent 30 second video which help illustrate the Run Hide Tell message are also available from the NPCC website:

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

Police encourage the reporting of any suspicious behaviour, vehicles or packages:

<https://beta.met.police.uk/tell-us-about/possible-terrorist-activity/>

In an emergency situation do not hesitate in contacting the police on 999 or 112.

Victim Support suggest a range of resources for those affected by the attacks in Manchester and London, including advice on talking to children about terrorism:

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/more-us/news-and-blogs/support-following-terror-attacks-london-and-manchester?gclid=CNH83bmq4tQCFXUo0wodqNcNGw>

Could you be a Volunteer Safeguarding Trainer?

Diocesan safeguarding training is delivered to parishes locally on request by members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and voluntary trainers. The demand for such sessions has continued to increase and we are keen to respond to requests we receive as quickly as possible.

To meet this high demand, we would like to offer more sessions to parishes, for anyone with a role (paid or voluntary) with children and adults within churches and also for PCC members. We are therefore wanting to expand our valued team of Volunteer Trainers to deliver Diocesan training at local level. Our materials and training methods are standardised based on the nationally agreed learning and development framework in order to ensure consistency and portability.

Prior to taking on the role, Volunteer Trainers will first need to attend a half day 'Training for Trainers' event in October with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, where the training materials will be shared, and assistance and advice offered about methods of delivery. We'll offer some opportunities for shadowing and joint delivery. Following this, our Safeguarding Administrator will then match Parish Trainers to incoming requests from parishes. Requests are often for evening events during the week and for some Saturday sessions. Our training programme runs largely on an academic year with a break over the summer. Sessions are scheduled according to with the trainers' availability in consultation with the parish.

We are looking for volunteers who have enthusiasm and experience of delivering training to others. Experience in safeguarding children and/or adults, preferably in a church context is very helpful.

If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact the Safeguarding Training Administrator (Christine Daly) for further information.

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Supporting those affected by Homelessness

Individuals, couples and families find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons and churches are often asked for support in a range of ways. Listening is a good response to any problem but knowing how best to help someone facing or experiencing homelessness is not always easy or obvious. Every case will be different and there may be a range of appropriate responses depending on the individual circumstances. Signposting them to local specialist services is advisable and a good practical way to help.

The Church Housing Trust has produced a resource booklet, available to download from their website, with advice and contact numbers which you may find helpful if you need to offer support.

<http://www.churchhousingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/How-to-Help-Homeless-People-booklet.pdf>

Online Safeguarding Training

The National Safeguarding Team have issued a new online course: C0 Basic Awareness. This course is only available as an e-learning module in Southwark and is recommended for anyone who needs a basic level of awareness training.

The course is designed as a pre-requisite for other safeguarding courses which we deliver on a face to face basis e.g. our C1 Foundation Course. It gives an introduction to safeguarding in the church context, helps people recognise safeguarding concerns and raises an awareness of how to respond well to information, including who to inform. It also touches on recording and the boundaries of confidentiality.

Please note that you'll need to register for the online system before you sit down and undertake the course. The sign up email may take a couple of days to then arrive (see below).

We'll be sending out a separate email to Parish Safeguarding Officers but here is how the course is accessed:

Online Safeguarding Training Instructions

Clicking on the link below takes you to the Church of England training portal.

Click on the picture under the heading '*Online Courses*'. This will take you to the registration and login page.

On the right hand side, please read the introduction under '*Is This your first time here?*', then click on '*Create new account*' and enter your details.

When you enter your parish details, please put the parish as well as your church's name, e.g. St Mary, **Brixton**, as we need to distinguish between different churches of the same name.

Once you have completed the registration information you will receive an email to the email address you have used to sign up. **Please note, that this may take a couple of days to arrive.**

It will contain a link which you follow to confirm your registration. It will take you back to the main page and will ask you to log in. You then see a series of pictures, select '*Online courses*' then select '*Safeguarding Basic Awareness*'.

A full link of instructions to the training are available at:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

New Safer Recruitment Training S1

September sees the start of our new 2017/2018 training programme when we will be offering a new Safer Recruitment module (S1) for those with responsibility and involvement in the recruitment of paid staff and volunteers.

The S1 training is scheduled once per term, dates, times and venues as follows:

Sat 21 Oct 2017	10.30am-1pm	Trinity House
Wed 21 Feb 2018	1.30pm-4pm	St. Mary's Putney
Sat 9 Jun 2018	10.30am-1pm	The Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches

A link to a full copy of the training programmes and a link for booking on eventbrite can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-events/>

DBS Advice and Support line Resource

The online DBS checking team at APCS can help answer your queries about types of roles and the level of checks required. You will need to provide as much detail as you can about the role as well as the frequency of the activity i.e. weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Online DBS checking service APCS advice and support line is available Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. Tel: **0845 643 1145**.

You can also contact APCS by email: enquiries@accesspcs.co.uk

How can we support you?

As well as offering foundation and leadership training opportunities for Parish Safeguarding Officers we would also like to set up a Parish Safeguarding Officer Focus Group to give PSOs an opportunity to put forward their thoughts and reflections.

This was identified as an action in the Diocesan Safeguarding Audit last autumn and the aim is to better support PSOs in the important work they do in parishes. If you are interested in being part of the PSO Focus Group meeting in October with members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team please contact Louise Vernon, Assistant DSA at louise.vernon@southwark.anglican.org

A Guide to the Social Networks Children Use NSPCC Netaware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

To stay up to date with what children are using in the digital world, the NSPCC have worked collaboratively to produce a guide, also available to download as an app. The search engine allows you to find particular sites, games or apps and gives you information such as the minimum age, what you need to know about it including feedback from children and adults.

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit and Action Plan

As well as the report from the SCIE independent audit of Diocesan safeguarding arrangements, the Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan that was drawn up from the recommendations of audit is now available to view on the Diocesan Website. The link is below.

<http://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/safeguarding/Action%20Plan%20May%202017%20for%20website.pdf>

Thank You to all our Parish Safeguarding Officers

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we all play a part in keeping our churches safe. We do recognise the particular demands on and responsibilities of the Parish Safeguarding Officer and we would like to say thank you to those in parishes who undertake this role. In particular, thank you for all the hard work that has gone into completing and submitting the 2017 Parish Safeguarding Audits – we hope that the completion of the audits prompted some helpful discussions and actions locally.