



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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Safeguarding Panel

The Diocesan safeguarding panel continues to meet on a quarterly basis and has good representation from those with safeguarding roles within the Diocese and statutory partners. Panel sub groups regularly meet to consider training requirements and complex cases and the safeguarding development plan is being reviewed and will be made available on the diocesan safeguarding web page in the near future.

The panel is currently considering how the voice of children and young people can be heard in relation to how they feel about their church and a safe environment. This will be achieved through effective communication and working with parishes.

Training

In order to ensure that those with key safeguarding responsibilities know what to do if they are worried or concerned about a child or adult at risk there is a requirement for all Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and relevant others to undertake safeguarding training.

On line training must be undertaken prior to taking on any role working with children, young people or adults at risk and is available via the diocesan safeguarding web page.

Parish safeguarding training events are scheduled at Parishes across the Archdeaconries and must be attended by workers who are new in post and those who have not attended parish safeguarding training within the last three years. Training can be booked via the Diocesan events web page.

Clergy members are welcome to attend Parish training events to support parishes although this will not meet the clergy training requirements. Clergy training dates have been scheduled for 2019 which will include an update on all current safeguarding matters and consideration of key specialist modules.

CCPAS update

The Churches Child Protection Advisory Services (CCPAS) is changing its name to **thirtyone:eight** and can be contacted on **0303 003 1111**. The service will continue to provide:

- ◆ Safeguarding advice and guidance outside of church house opening hours, during evenings, weekends and bank holidays
- ◆ A listening service for people who have experienced abuse and would like to talk to somebody.
- ◆ Support and guidance around the completion of DBS checks.

Safeguarding Recruitment Policy

Safer recruitment is an important process which ensures that those working with children, young people and adults at risk are suitable to undertake such work and all must be recruited in line with the national safer recruitment policy (available on the diocesan web page). All PCC members at parishes where regulated activities are undertaken must now be DBS checked and advice and guidance in this regard can be obtained from thirtyone:eight on the number above.

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 contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Abbey Clephane-Wilson, on 0161 828 1451 or email abbey@manchester.anglican.org

CCPAS (Churches Child Protection Advisor Service) may be contacted out of hours on 0303 003 1111.