

# SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING



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*Welcome to the 6th Safeguarding Briefing Note. Please contact [safeguarding@truro.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@truro.anglican.org) for more information or assistance.*

## OUR SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY - HAVE YOUR SAY

In July 2020 the Bishop's Diocesan Council approved our Safeguarding Strategic Plan ([link to strategy](#)) which outlines how we work and how our four key safeguarding priorities support the delivery of the strategic themes contained within [The Saints Way](#).

Because of COVID-19 we have all had to develop new ways of working and have implemented a number of interim arrangements that are likely to continue until at least December. We are now looking at how we might learn from this new way of working and do things differently in the future.

Our next stage is to identify what we should be doing in 2021 in order to deliver our safeguarding priorities.

Whatever we do needs to work for you, and we at Church House need to listen to what it is that you want. We are therefore seeking your views on what we do well, where we need to improve and what you feel we should be doing.

**This is your opportunity to speak out and tell us how we can best support you.**

Please follow this [link](#) to the survey, which should be completed by **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**. Your views will then be considered by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you in advance.

## Supporting information

We have outlined on the table below some background information about the national and local actions that currently planned for 2020-2021. Whilst we all have to work within the policies set by the House of Bishops and National Safeguarding Team, there is some discretion in how and when we implement them.

<b>Safeguarding our communities - Responding to allegations, managing concerns and enabling people to worship safely in church.</b>	
<p>What are we currently working on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement electronic case management system</li> <li>• Develop case closure procedures</li> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Past Cases Review 2</li> <li>○ Major learning lessons and case reviews policy</li> <li>○ Risk assessment policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What is planned for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Guidance on assessing and managing safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers</li> <li>○ Key roles and responsibilities policy</li> <li>○ National case management system</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Survivor led - Listen to, engage with, support and learn from those with lived experience of abuse.</b>	
<p>What are we currently working on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorised listening service</li> <li>• Counselling services</li> <li>• Survivor Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safe spaces</li> <li>○ National Survivor Strategy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What is planned for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to the voice of Young People</li> </ul>
<b>Increasing capacity &amp; supporting our parishes - Developing and delivering training, policy and guidance and quality assurance arrangements.</b>	
<p>What are we currently working on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting networks of Parish Safeguarding Officers, Trainers and DBS Recruiters</li> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Online Leadership module</li> <li>○ 9 new training modules (dates TBC)</li> <li>○ Serious Incident Reporting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What is planned for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Safeguarding Dashboards - tool to support PCCs to carry out their safeguarding role</li> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New training modules (TBC)</li> <li>○ Safer Recruitment and People Management policy</li> <li>○ National Standards and Quality Assurance Framework</li> <li>○ Parish Safeguarding Officer Practice Guidance</li> <li>○ Responding Well guidance x 6</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Strengthening our leadership culture Supporting decision making and responsibility, while promoting ownership and accountability at a senior level.</b>	
<p>What are we doing now</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bespoke training and support for senior leaders</li> <li>• <b>Implement national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safeguarding children, young people and adults policy development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What is planned for 2021</p>