

SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING NOTE

Summer 2021/7

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Welcome!

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Diocese of Truro's Safeguarding Briefing Note. Please contact safeguardingqueries@truro.anglican.org for more information or assistance.

SAFEGUARDING LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

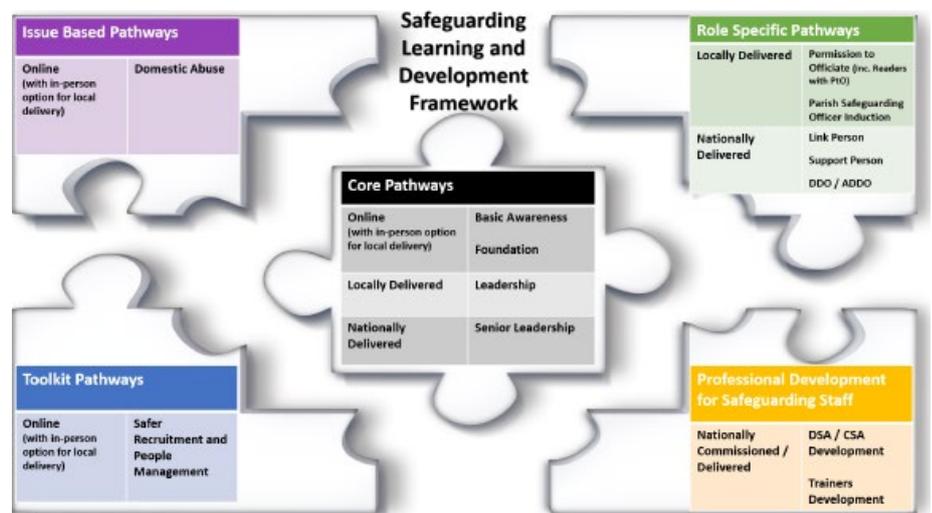
The Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework from the National Safeguarding Team was published in June. We will plan to implement these pathways from January 2022 (See diagram right).

The updated safeguarding leadership module (previous C2) has now been delivered to over 400 church officers in leadership roles in the past year, via Zoom.

The participants' reflections on the module has produced very positive feedback and useful plans for the future to increase awareness around parish safeguarding and how to use this towards creating a safer church for everyone:

"I'm now actively encouraging others in the parish to use the same prayerful, reflective process to change their thinking and behaviour about safeguarding too, to look again, to make that connection through the theological imperative, and to recognize that we all have to do this if we want our safeguarding practice to be as safe and strong as it can be."

"I will seek to ensure that the mindset of our whole community does reflect the need for safeguarding to be central, to be integral, to be an intrinsic element of community approach to all that we do, say and are."



"The course also provided that opportunity to be open to learning, being curious, being unafraid to comment on what you notice or to ask a difficult question to those in authority at church or diocesan level."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I do Leadership / what is a Leader? The Leadership course is the equivalent to the old C2. It is for anyone in a leadership position including clergy, local worship leaders, safeguarding officers, church wardens, local pastoral ministers, children and youth leads.

What am I expected to do? Before your existing safeguarding training expires, you need to book onto a course using the diocesan website under safeguarding and

training. Follow this [link](#).

How will I know it's completed?

Following your attendance on two sessions, you will be asked to complete a reflective summary. Once this is received, you will be issued your certificate.

How often do I have to renew? Every three years.

What happens if I don't do it? Your license may not be renewed.

If you have any queries around training you can email safeguardingqueries@truro.anglican.org or Mandy Wells Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer mandy.wells@truro.anglican.org

We are keen to support you to stay up to date with the current safeguarding guidance from the House of Bishops.

MEET THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM...

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS TRAINING

Parish Safeguarding Officers can now take advantage of the latest bespoke training from the national team.

The focus of the session is to equip participants with an understanding of the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer and induct them into key working practices and relationships.

This module will be available from January 2022 and is likely to be delivered via Zoom, and then eventually face-to-face.

In the meantime we are holding three meetings dates for new and more established parish safeguarding officers to meet up and discuss any

issues or successes they may have had.

The dates are:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 – 10am to 11.30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 6pm to 7.30pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 6pm to 7.30pm

Zoom links will be sent once you register via the diocesan [website](#).

PAST CASES REVIEW 2

The diocesan safeguarding team are pleased to announce the conclusion of the PCR2 for the Diocese of Truro, which commenced in January 2020.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in the process. We are grateful for the thoroughness and commitment participants have shown, leading to the Diocese of Truro being one of the very first dioceses and cathedrals to complete the report, well ahead of many who have yet to reach this point.

It is expected that all dioceses will complete their reviews by the end of the year and the publication of diocesan reports will be aligned with the national report, which will be published in Spring/Summer of 2022.

We are, however, enacting the recommendations made within these reports without delay and will ensure our safeguarding practice continues to improve. The DSAP, as part of their work plan, are in the process of setting up a working group that will act as a critical friend and will ensure that we have good systems in place to measure our progress.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Safeguarding Sunday takes place on October 10 and churches are being urged to get involved.

Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously.

It's a chance, as a church, to use the regular Sunday service to explore together what safer places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all.

31:8 have resources available to help. You can access register and access them [here](#) and watch the video [here](#).

THIS NEWSLETTER ...

Please share this briefing with others including your PCC, priest, safeguarding co-ordinator or PCC secretary



TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE (TIP)

As we gradually begin to see people who perhaps had not been very visible through these last 18 months, as the lockdown rules end, it is possible that for some people, things will have changed significantly. Perspectives, experiences and values will no doubt present themselves as new differences to be understood and accommodated.

Domestic abuse affects women, children and men. Through the last 18 months calls to agencies for help have grown enormously. Major football tournaments (2018 World Cup and 2021 Euros) sadly lead to a spike in incidents for those living in violent and abusive homes.

Trauma can be caused by many things, but domestic abuse is well documented as traumatic for victims and this last 18 months has raised those incidents hugely. Additionally a pandemic and the emotional effects from loss, fear, isolation and a disrupted education can also cause trauma.

It is understandable that our communities are going to look different, and we must accept that and be ready to respond.



Trauma Informed Practice is a complex intentional practice which can be read about in a little more detail [here](#).

In a nutshell it serves as a reminder to us that our churches are meant to be a safe place, and if they can be a safer place than the home of a person suffering the effects of trauma, then we need to remember how to welcome all.

Anyone with a heightened awareness or sensitivity to raised voices, disagreements, rejection or discrimination will only find sanctuary in a warm welcome and calm, quiet, caring environment.

So, let's be ready to welcome all and show acceptance and care in all we do, by being Trauma aware.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY PANEL

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP), a panel which must operate in every diocese, has been in place since 2019.

Justine Hosking took over the role of Independent Chair in April 2021, and is looking to make some changes - link to her [biography](#).

The task of the DSAP in Truro is to advise the diocesan bishop (Bishop Philip) of the functioning of safeguarding practices and procedures across the diocese. In effect, members act as 'critical friends' of the diocese, drawing from their own experiences of the diocesan safeguarding activities, professional expertise in the safeguarding arena and related areas.

Our membership currently includes an Archdeacon, a Reader, a Parish Safeguarding Officer, abuse Survivor Advocate, Chair of the Children's Partnership Board, Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board, our Safeguarding Trainer, the Safeguarding Governance Manager, Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Assistant, and of course our Independent Chair Justine. This is not likely to remain unchanged however, as there are hopes of attracting members from the police and health too.

We expect to hear from our members regarding how the training is being experienced for example, what the new issues being faced by our health colleagues are, or maybe identify a local resourcing issue which could be managed jointly. It is important that external agencies have opportunities to learn about our practice, and for us to learn about theirs. A mutually beneficial relationship is our aim whereby vulnerable people in our communities can be better protected and supported. Justine is also looking to strengthen the audit and scrutiny role of the DSAP and we know that Bishop Philip will be keen to support this development.

DSAP meet quarterly, and our next meeting is in October. We remain for ever grateful to our members who contribute to this important work and particularly those who contribute on a voluntary basis.