

SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING NOTE

December 2021/10

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 10th edition of the Diocese of Truro's Safeguarding Briefing Note. Please contact safeguardingqueries@truro.anglican.org for more information or assistance.

If you need to raise a safeguarding concern with the safeguarding team please email your concern to safeguardingconcerns@truro.anglican.org using the standard referral form (**model parish recording template**) on the C of E website.

If you are concerned there is an immediate risk of harm to an individual you should contact the MARU 0300 1231 116 or Police 101 or 999.

Further information and archived copies of the safeguarding briefing notes can be found on our [website](#).

SAFER RECRUITMENT & PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

Drop-in sessions/ Frequently Asked Questions

Twenty four people attended the two drop in sessions that we held in November. We were able to talk through a number of queries and concerns. We are in the process of updating our website to include information about SRPM and responses to your queries. In the interim the frequently asked questions document is attached to this newsletter.

DBS rechecks

As outlined in our last briefing note anybody who has a current DBS that was issued for five years and is due to expire after January 2024 will need to be rechecked in the next two years and moved to a three yearly renewal cycle.

We anticipate that this will affect approximately 700 people across

the diocese and parishes. In order to reduce the burden on Parish DBS Recruiters, 31:8 and the Diocesan Operations Team, we are proposing to phase the renewals over the two year period and issue the reminder letters from Church House, asking people to renew with their DBS Recruiter or Church House as it appropriate for their role.

We understand that some people may no longer be working or volunteering in a role that requires a DBS and will ask them to advise us if that is the case and we can update our records accordingly.

Implementing the policy

As a reminder, all those involved in the recruitment, appointment and management/supervision of roles that fall within the scope of the guidance must undertake the SRPM online training. It is suggested that parishes may find it useful to undertake the

training alongside reviewing the policy and completing the self-assessment toolkit.

As of the end of November 50 people have completed their SRPM online training, 33 of which are either incumbents or PCC members.

Next steps

During December we will be reviewing the training uptake and looking at the feedback we have received so far. We will be working with the Archdeacons to consider if any additional support is required.

We will be running some additional online drop in sessions in January, Tuesday, January 18, @ 6pm and Thursday, January 29, @ 10am which can be booked via our training pages.



SPOTLIGHT ON ... 2022'S TRAINING PROGRAMME

In 2022 we will be offering regular dates for Leadership training. This is required training for all licensed roles, such as clergy, readers, PTO, local worship leaders, local pastoral ministers, church wardens and PSOs. See **website** for dates and how to book.

New for 2022 will be specific training for new or existing Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO). There will be one, three-hour session which will cover the role and how to build good records for parish training and DBS, preparing reports for the PCC, etc. Each attendee will leave with an action plan to help future communications, where to find support and good practice guidance. These dates will also be published on the diocesan **website**.

In addition to the PSO training we also offer get togethers for PSO so that

we can share our ideas, questions and good practice. There will be six of these meetings across the year, which can also be booked on the diocesan website.

The Basic Awareness and Foundation modules are available on the national safeguarding portal for anyone and everyone. Safeguarding Training Portal: Log in to the site (cofeportal.org)

If you have any queries relating to training or DBS please contact Simon Vaughan, Safeguarding Operations Assistant at Church house on safeguardingqueries@truro.anglican.org

PARISH SAFEGUARDING DASHBOARDS

As outlined in our October Safeguarding Briefing Note, invites were sent to all parish priests and parish safeguarding officers to register for a parish safeguarding dashboard.

Since we issued the invite 137 parishes have already registered for a dashboard and are actively working their way through the three levels (foundations, safer activities and safer practices).

Well done to the six parishes who are on Level 3 – Boscoppa, Bradoc, Halsetown, Lanivery, Par and St Veep. Big shout out to Par who are the first parish to achieve 100% compliance.

The original email invitations to register for a dashboard have now expired. We will shortly be sending out further invites to parishes, however if you would like to start sooner please contact the safeguarding team on safeguardingqueries@truro.anglican.org.

If you are having technical difficulties with the dashboards please contact Barbara Barker at barbara.barker@clearlysimpler.co.uk

COMPLAINTS & WHISTLE BLOWING

The diocesan **complaints** and **whistle blowing** policies have recently been updated and are available on our website via the links above.

COMING SOON ...

- SRPM policy implemented – January 2022
- Responding Well to Victims & Survivors – April 2022
- Safeguarding children and young adults policy – April 2022
- PCR2 recommendations published – May 2022
- Safeguarding Sunday – October 2022

THIS NEWSLETTER ...
Please share this briefing with others including your PCC, priest, safeguarding officer or PCC secretary