

SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING NOTE

April 2022/12

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 12th 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](#).



PAST CASES REVIEW (PCR2)

All diocese and church institutions have now completed their PCR2 and the national safeguarding team will hopefully be publishing the final consolidated report in mid-May.

At the same time all diocese and cathedral will be publishing their local findings.

We will, on behalf of the Bishop, Dean and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel Chair, be issuing a special safeguarding briefing on the

day of the publication that will outline where the respective reports can be found, what the next steps are and where you can go for advice and support if you have been or are being affected by the outcomes of the review.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Guidance, due to be formally adopted in July 2022, is now available in the safeguarding e-manual. The guidance sets out the context and definitions for safeguarding in the Church of England. Anyone new to safeguarding may find this a good starting point to understand safeguarding as it provides links to other safeguarding policies and guidance. In addition this guidance focusses on Domestic Abuse, Deliverance Ministry and Spiritual Abuse.

In order to support the implementation of the guidance the National Safeguarding Team (NST) have opened up spaces for **spiritual abuse and healthy cultures training** to anyone who has an interest in joining. There is availability on the below dates, all sessions run 9.30am – 2.30pm on Zoom: Tuesdays: May 17, June 7/ 14/ 21; Thursdays: July 7/ 14; Wednesday, July 20.

Bookings should be made directly by emailing lisa.clarke@churchofengland.org

THIS NEWSLETTER ...

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

LGBT + CHRISTIANS SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

The LGBT + Christians Safeguarding Survey helps Christian organisations understand how “safe” LGBT+ Christians feel in their churches.

In summary “The findings show that fear and negative anticipation as well as experiences of hostility and discrimination can make churches feel unsafe, exclusionary environments where many LGBT + people state they “feel scared to be themselves”. Whilst there was a recognition that

churches focused on physical aspects of safeguarding, attention to emotional and psychological safeguarding was found wanting - which the findings imply are just the type of safeguarding LGBT + Christians need !”

The executive summary of the 2018 national faith & sexuality survey and the 2021 LGBT+ Christians Safeguarding Survey are attached to this briefing note. Further information can be found at www.ozanne.foundation.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SAFEGUARDING LEARNING

Ensuring that Safeguarding Learning is up to date helps embed a culture where people feel safe and abuse can be spotted and dealt with in an appropriate and timely fashion. People are encouraged to engage with the required safeguarding learning for their roles.

All Church Officers are reminded that safeguarding policy and practice guidance has been approved by the House of Bishops and must, where relevant, be followed by all Church Bodies and Church Officers.

Under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 all authorised clergy, bishops, archdeacons, licensed readers and lay workers, churchwardens and PCCs must have ‘due regard’ to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops (this will include both policy and practice guidance).

Please see the training section on the [diocesan website](#) for more information about what is meant by ‘due regard’ and what sanctions are in place if the safeguarding learning guidance is not followed.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS (PSO) & DBS RECRUITERS

Following the introduction of the PSO training it has come to our attention that there have been a number of changes to PSO's and DBS Recruiters that the diocese is unaware of.

PSO's are supported in their role by the diocesan safeguarding team, who will provide advice and support to both new and existing PSO's through training and networking events, guidance and safeguarding briefings.

It is important that PCCs and the diocese ensure that all PSO's and DBS Recruiters are up to date with their DBS check and safeguarding training.

In order to get our records up to date we will shortly be writing to each incumbent (or churchwarden) asking for confirmation about who is in post. The diocese will then make arrangements for DBS's and safeguarding training to be updated, if required.

In the meantime, please let us know if your PSO or DBS Recruiter changes using the [form](#) on the diocesan website.

We will update you on our progress in the September safeguarding briefing

SAFEGUARDING VIRTUAL LIBRARY

This Safeguarding Virtual Library has been created by the national safeguarding team to provide a digital platform where individuals across the Church can access specific resources to help them in their understanding and practice of safeguarding. The library can be found on the [CofE training portal](#). If you have not already done so you will need to register and create a log-in. Once you have logged in click on Resources and Safeguarding Virtual Library.

COMING SOON

- Responding Well to Victims & Survivors – launched April 2022
- Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel – Focus on Survivors– April 2022
- PCR2 recommendations published – May 2022
- Safeguarding Sunday – October 2022