

SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING NOTE

November 2022/15

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 15th 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](#).

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM - GET INVOLVED

16 days of activism takes place internationally with the aim to raise awareness of gender-based violence. This year the focus is to raise awareness of domestic abuse, the various forms it comes in, and how we can respond.

16 Days of Activism takes place between November 25 and December 10, 2022.

While we need to be aware of domestic abuse year-round, events and awareness-raising during the 16 Days of Activism can keep the issue front of mind and start conversations around what can be done to tackle it.

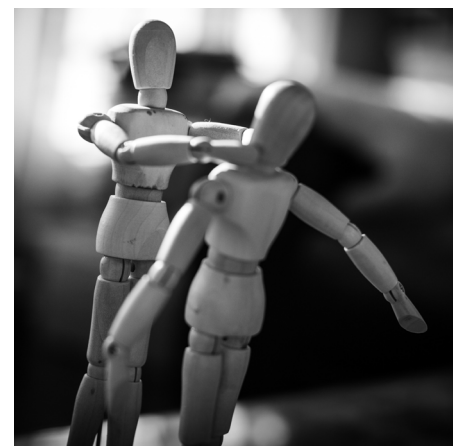
The Church of England, along with many other charities and organisations, is taking an active role this year and will be rolling out a number of resources during the 16 days, which begins each year on International Day Against Violence Against Women (November 25) and falls directly after Safeguarding Sunday (November 20).

RESOURCES

A range of video resources including a call from the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, for more awareness about domestic abuse across all churches, will be available at the end of November.

Resources will be published on the Church of England [website](#). They include a range of helpful and thought-provoking materials and will also provide some more detailed data on domestic abuse from diocesan self-assessments.

The diocese has been working in partnership with First Light, a charity that supports people who have been affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence, for a number of years. First Light have contributed one of



the videos for the Church of England awareness campaign and will also be holding their own 16 days of activity. For more information about First Light click [here](#).



DOMESTIC ABUSE

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AFFECTED

If you, or someone you know is directly affected, independent advice and support is available.

Contact the **First Light** helpline on

0300 777 4 777

or email

saferfutures@firstlight.org.uk

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE RAISES A CONCERN WITH YOU

If someone raises a concern and you believe there is an imminent risk of significant harm, refer to

**Social Care (01208 251300),
MARU (0300 1231 116)
Police (101 / 999)**

and then let the safeguarding team know.

If the concern is not urgent then you should email the **safeguarding raising a concern form**.

safeguardingconcerns@truro.anglican.org

If you need advice from the safeguarding team contact Church House on **01872 274 351** and a member of the safeguarding team will get back to you.

If its urgent contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on **07591 203589** (during office hours).

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM EVENTS

During the 16 days there will be six live online events you can attend, free of charge.

■ **November 26** – Mothers Union – National event. More info [here](#).

■ **November 30** – Reflective discussion: How can we respond to Domestic Abuse within the Church? With Greg Barry and Hannah Thompson

16 days Q & A Tickets, Wed 30 Nov 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite

■ **December 1** – Domestic abuse and stalking

Domestic abuse and stalking Tickets, Thu 1 Dec 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

■ **December 7** – Reflective discussion with Dr Liza Thompson

16 days of activism - time to reflect Tickets, Wed 7 Dec 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite

■ **December 9** – Understanding Coercive Control in a Spiritual Context with VOICE

Understanding Coercive Control in a Spiritual Context Tickets, Fri 9 Dec 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

REQUIRED DOMESTIC ABUSE ONLINE TRAINING

It is a requirement that anyone who holds the Bishop's licence, commission, authorisation, or permission; safeguarding officers and PCC Members complete the domestic abuse module. Training must be completed by the end of 2022.

The training can be accessed via the Safeguarding Training Portal – [here](#).

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