

Safeguarding and Inclusion Department Courses for 2012

The following courses are available as follows:

Introduction to Safeguarding Officer

This is an introductory course for Parish Safeguarding Officers. It outlines the requirements of the role and looks specifically at the requirements of the ISA / CRB process. It will help Officers identify the areas they need to address in their own locations and how best to do that.

Tuesday 6th Mar 10am – 1pm at Old Alresford Place
Tuesday 12th June 2pm – 5pm at Old Alresford Place
Wednesday 26th Sept 2pm – 5pm at Old Alresford Place
Wednesday 5th Dec 10am – 1pm at Old Alresford Place

General Child Protection

This day is a more in-depth look at child protection. It will help us consider our attitudes and how those might affect our practise. It will provide an overview of the main areas we need to be aware of and to keep under constant review all our work and dealings with children and young people.

Wednesday 8th February 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place
Thursday 31st May 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place
Thursday 11th Oct 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place

Vulnerable Adults Day

The Church has a unique role in its involvement with vulnerable adults. We may have contact with vulnerable adults through the week by week ministry of the church, through specific activities. In many cases parish visitors will see people in their own homes and many churches have an active ministry in care homes. In many cases we may be the only independent people with whom vulnerable adults have contact. It is important that we are both aware of how to behave appropriately and signs to look out for that may indicate a person is experiencing abuse.

Wednesday 18th April 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place
Monday 5th Nov 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place

Domestic Abuse Day

Domestic Abuse is far more prevalent than we may realise. The statistics below give some indication of this:

- 1 in 4 women experience physical assault by a current or former partner
- Between 1 in 9 and 1 in 10 women experience domestic abuse in a year.
- Every week 2 women are killed by their current or former partners.
- A quarter of all violent crimes are domestic abuse.
- 60% of female mental health service users have experienced domestic abuse – most had no psychiatric symptoms before the violence.
- 3 in 5 children in every classroom have witnessed domestic abuse.
- 1 in 3 child protection cases show a history of domestic abuse.

There is much written in both the Christian and secular press that suggests that Christian theology and church teaching has colluded with violence against women and children.

What would you do if someone came to see you about an issue of domestic abuse?

Domestic Violence does happen today. It is perpetrated and experienced by members of our churches. The first step is to be informed.

Wednesday 9th May 9.45am – 4pm at Old Alresford Place

Places need to be booked in advance for all courses

For more information and to book a place please contact Siona Jeffery 01962 737347 or siona.jeffery@winchester.anglican.org

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