

Safeguarding Update – Autumn 2022

WELCOME to the Autumn 2022 safeguarding update from the Safeguarding Team, Diocese of Winchester.

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Staff Update

We welcome Andy Symes, Case Worker, to the Diocese Safeguarding Team. Andy's working days are Tuesday – Thursday and can be contacted using the contact details below.

Safeguarding Contacts

To register a safeguarding concern with the safeguarding team, Diocese of Winchester, or for safeguarding advice, please email: safeguarding@winchester.anglican.org or telephone: 01962 737317 / mobile: 07921 865374.

For safeguarding advice outside of normal working hours, please ring the Hampshire out of hours service on 0300 555 1373 – this covers the whole of the Diocese.

In a safeguarding emergency, ring 999.

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Please continue to send all safeguarding correspondence to Old Alresford Place, Alresford, SO24 9DH, until further notice.

Safeguarding Training

Basic, Foundation, Domestic Abuse Awareness and Safer Recruitment & People Management training can be accessed online, via the [Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal](#).

Leadership training (Pathway, Local Leadership and PTO's) is currently being delivered via Zoom – dates for these courses can be found on the [safeguarding training page](#) of the Diocese website, under the relevant course information. To book a place on the leadership courses – please email safeguardingtraining@winchester.anglican.org.

An introductory course for Parish Safeguarding Officers is also available via Zoom. Please email safeguardingtraining@winchester.anglican.org to request your name be put on the waiting list for this training. The trainer will contact you, once there is enough people to run the training.

If you have any training related queries, please contact our safeguarding trainer Natasha Nield, natasha.nield@winchester.anglican.org

Resources for professionals/volunteers who work with people whose lives have been affected by domestic abuse can be found on the [Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Website](#).

The Environment Centre, via Hampshire County Council, are offering tailored training sessions for workers in regular contact with people at risk of fuel poverty, through their 'Hitting the Cold Spots' work. To register your interest - please email staywarm@environmentcentre.com and state your organisation as 'the Diocese of Winchester'. Further information can be found [here](#).

DBS Update

DBS checks require renewal every **3 years** (not 5 years as previously).

All roles should be assessed to determine the appropriate level (if any) of DBS check required. Please note, the Diocese does not carry out basic checks. If you use the APCS online DBS application process and receive any queries from them, relating to the level of DBS check you are requesting, please seek further advice from Siona Jeffery email: siona.jeffery@winchester.anglican.org, telephone: 01962 737347. If your parish is not currently using the online service and wish to do so (no additional cost to the parish), please contact Siona.

Parishes should have their own safeguarding email addresses and Parish Safeguarding Officers must use these for their role.

Please send any hard copy DBS correspondence to Old Alresford Place (not Wolvesey). **Old Alresford Place, Alresford, SO24 9DH.**

DBS faith specific guidance, can be found [here](#). Up to date DBS ID checking guidelines can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding Dashboards - Parish Safeguarding Self-Audits

We have been delighted with the uptake of the Parish *Safeguarding Dashboard* tool. 65% of all parishes are now using their Dashboard, with 32% having progressed to Level 2 or above. Many thanks for all your support.

We have received very positive feedback from parishes, with many saying that the *Dashboard* has made safeguarding governance and administration much easier. The *Dashboard* can be updated regularly by parishes and replaces the old 'hardcopy' Self-Audits.

The *Dashboard* is really easy to use, on a smartphone, tablet or computer. Green lights show where the Parish is complying with the [Parish Safeguarding Handbook](#). Amber and red lights highlight any outstanding actions. Helpful links to the Church of England Guidance and local resources are provided.

Parish Safeguarding Action Plans explain, in simple language, what needs to be done and can be downloaded as a PDF, for discussion and approval by your PCC. Feedback received from PCC's has shown that they have found these Action Plans to be a valuable resource in supporting them to carry out their safeguarding responsibilities within the parish.

For parishes who have not yet signed up for their *Dashboard* – a further invitation will be sent to you, by email, in the next few weeks. Please can you click ‘Accept’ on your email invitation link and follow the instructions to register. Further information on how to accept your invitation and getting started with the *Dashboard* can be found [here](#). A short video overview of the *Dashboard* tool, can be viewed [here](#).

For parishes who have registered for the *Dashboard*, although have not yet started using the tool, please see the helpful information [here](#) on how to get started. **Please can you log in to your *Dashboard*, within the next few weeks, using the following link:** <https://www.parishdashboards.org.uk/auth/login> **and answer as many questions on the *Dashboard* as possible, as this will form your annual Parish Safeguarding Self Audit.** Please also download a copy of the parish safeguarding action plan to share with your PCC – this can be downloaded from the front page of the *Dashboard*, by clicking on “Send me the Action Plan” and clicking “send the report”. The Action Plan will be sent to you by email.

If you would like any further information, or would like to attend a zoom training session on the *Dashboard*, please contact Michelle Pride on michelle.pride@winchester.anglican.org

Past Cases Review 2

The Diocese of Winchester Past Case Review was carried out by an independent reviewer and whilst there are a number of actions to be followed up re the recording of the cases, none of the cases identified by the safeguarding office, the Bishop’s office, from parishes or from other sources, required referral to the statutory authorities.

The National Safeguarding Team are writing a thematic report about the responses received from the Diocese and are hoping to publish this in the Autumn.

Ukraine

The ‘Homes for Ukraine’ scheme is being run by the UK Government and, therefore, the Diocese is not part of the administration of the scheme. Appropriate DBS checks (and other vetting) for adults in the host (sponsor) household will be carried out by Local Authorities.

More information for churches wishing to welcome and support Ukrainian Refugees can be accessed on the [Church of England Website](#).

All those arriving from Ukraine will be suffering a degree of trauma and may be very vulnerable and at risk of exploitation. Please be alert to [signs of abuse](#), including Modern Slavery. The [modern slavery helpline](#) telephone 08000 121 700 (24 hours) offers emotional support (with access to Ukrainian interpreters), crisis assistance and access to the national referral mechanism. Information on modern slavery is also available from the [Clewley Initiative](#).

For all church-run activities, the usual safeguarding policies and guidance apply.

Any safeguarding concerns should be reported to: safeguarding@winchester.anglican.org, telephone: 01962 737317. For out of hours advice, call 0300 555 1373. **In a safeguarding emergency, ring 999.**

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is on the 20th November, this year. Safeguarding Sunday is a great opportunity, as a church, to use your regular Sunday services to highlight the Christian message of justice and hope, exploring what safer places look like and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all. To get involved and request your free church resource pack, please click on the [thirtyone:eight](#) website.

(Thirtyone:eight is an independent Christian safeguarding charity, providing safeguarding resources to churches and other organisations).

National Developments

The Church of England safeguarding e-manual can be accessed [here](#). The e-manual contains various House of Bishops' Safeguarding Guidance documents, including:

[Safer Recruitment and People Management 2021 Guidance](#)
[Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse](#)
[Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults](#)
[Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework](#)

Other House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and practice guidance can be accessed [here](#).

It is the intention that all House of Bishops' policy and guidance will eventually be contained within the [safeguarding e-manual](#).

The Church of England has published a short video, via YouTube, on [“Why Safer Recruitment Is Important”](#). **Please note this video contains difficult themes.**

Local Resources Updates

[Safeguarding Provision for Hall Hire Agreements](#)

[Model Social Media Policy Statement](#)

[Responding to Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations Flowchart](#)

[Safeguarding Aide Memoire](#)

[Helpline and Support Agencies \(Local/National\)](#)

A local advice line has been set up, via Hampshire County Council, for Hampshire Residents at risk of fuel poverty – telephone 0800 804 8601.

Thank you for your continued support and all you are doing to support safeguarding within your parish.

Jackie Rowlands
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