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A quarterly publication produced by the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Department to help advise and guide our parishes and church leaders on a range of safeguarding related matters.

Remember, you can contact the team and find a range of supporting materials on the [Safeguarding Pages](#) of the website.

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PSO Meeting - 10am - 12pm Wednesday 9 October 2024

The next meeting will be held on 9 October via Zoom.

[Register here to receive the Zoom link](#)

We are happy to announce we will be joined by Vickie Crompton, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership Manager, who will speak to us on domestic abuse awareness, where to find support, how to support someone and the resources available.

Moral Injury and Church Related Abuse

Moral injury and church-related abuse: Responding creatively through the visual arts, music & poetry

This presentation, from the Moral Injury Webinar Series (hosted by the International Centre for Moral Injury at Durham University), is likely to be of use to anyone working with survivors of institutional abuse and anyone interested in the arts as a way through trauma.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh4M93oldAo

Time to Refresh Your Notice Boards

When did you last review information displayed on your notice boards? Are there other areas information could be displayed? Often in sensitive situations, putting posters in private spaces like toilets will give people the opportunity to read them without fear of being overlooked.

Here are some ideas for posters you could display:

- Whistleblowing Poster
- Safe Spaces Posters
- Promoting a Safer Church Posters
- National Standards Posters

You can find all of these posters here:
elydiocese.org/safeguarding-templates-resources#Templates

Posters and resources from Children Safeguarding Partnership:
safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/children-board/resources-for-practitioners/

Posters and resources from Adult Safeguarding Partnership
safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/adults-board/resources-for-practitioners

Posters on Domestic Abuse
cambsdasv.org.uk/web/posters_for_free_download

If you need any of these printing send an email detailing which you want, and we will send them out to you.

The Clewer Initiative - Modern Slavery

The [Clewer Initiative](#) is enabling Church of England dioceses and wider Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care.

There is a Modern Slavery training module on the [Church of England's Safeguarding Training Portal](#).

PSO Newsletter

In response to feedback, the Clewer Initiative have launched a special newsletter for Parish and Cathedral Safeguarding Officers to help equip PSOs with the tools and resources to respond to modern slavery through their roles. To sign up for the newsletter and to find more resources, visit the Parish

Safeguarding Officers (PSO) page on their website.

theclewerinitiative.org/resources/resources-for-parish-safeguarding-officers

Safeguarding Sunday 17 November 2024

It's time to start encouraging leaders within our churches to think about what they may do to promote Safeguarding Sunday.

Lisa Pearson, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser has produced [this video](#) detailing what it is all about and how your parish church can become actively involved.



Please forward this information to your communications teams, colleagues and church leaders; the [Safeguarding Sunday Resources](#) pack really does have everything anyone would need to prepare for the day.

You can also contact deborah.toni@churchofengland.org for further information.

Parish Safeguarding Officers, DBS and Dashboard Administrators - Changes in personnel

Please let [Sarah King](#), in the Safeguarding Team, know as soon as possible if there are changes to personnel acting as Parish Safeguarding Officer, DBS Administrators or Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub Administrators.

Informing the Safeguarding Team of these changes enables us to update our records and to provide ongoing support to those in these important positions in the parish.

Calling the Safeguarding Duty Phone

Recently there have been a number of calls to the Duty Phone relating to training or DBS queries. Please can we remind you that the Duty Phone is only to be used for new safeguarding concerns.

If you need to contact the Safeguarding Team regarding DBS, training, safer recruitment, Dashboard or Hub queries you can find our contact details on the [Diocesan Website](#) and at the end of this newsletter.

Please do not send new safeguarding concerns via e-mail to any of the DSAs, as due to other work commitments, holidays etc. the DSA may not be able to respond. Please use the Duty Phone to ensure you receive a quick response.

Training modules - BSL and Enhanced Accessibility Versions

On the [Church of England's Safeguarding Training Portal](#) you will find two additional versions of the Basic Awareness module. The first is an Enhanced Accessibility version which uses simpler language throughout and presents the full script for each slide (rather than summarised points) for easier screen-reader integration. The second addition version of Basic Awareness is signed by a qualified British Sign Language interpreter.

The Foundation Module also has an Enhanced Accessibility version available.

Parish Safeguarding Dashboards Upgrade

Recently there have been two significant developments regarding safeguarding in the Church of England:

First, the House of Bishop's safeguarding guidance is gradually being replaced by a new Safeguarding Code. This code is more explicit that clergy and PCCs must comply with the mandatory requirements.

Second, the Church of England has published five National Safeguarding Standards, against which parishes are asked to evaluate their progress.

To support parishes with these changes, the *Safeguarding Dashboard* was upgraded on Monday 23 September.

The aim is to help clergy and PCCs:

- To more easily distinguish between [mandatory requirements](#) and good practice.
- To evaluate the progress that a parish has made towards the [safeguarding standards](#).

Further information can be found [here](#).

PSO Evensong and Garden Party

Please put **Wednesday 11 June 2025** in your diaries. The evening will start with Evensong in Ely Cathedral at 5.30pm followed by a Garden Party in the Bishop of Ely's Garden. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.



Contact the Team

Safeguarding Cases and Incidents

New concerns via the Duty Phone
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