

Safeguarding Responsibility of Parish

Responsibilities:

The PCC has the following responsibilities:

1. To ensure that the PCC has a safeguarding policy for children and young people, and adults who may be at risk.
2. To ensure that the Safeguarding policy is reviewed annually at the first full PCC Meeting following the APCM.
3. To operate a Safer Recruitment process for all involved in working/volunteering with children and young people, and adults who may be at risk, including DBS clearance for eligible roles.
4. To ensure that all parish workers who are required to attend any training in safeguarding offered by the diocese, do so.
5. To keep records showing that checks and training have been done and are up to date.

It is the responsibility of everybody to:

6. Always act on any suspicion.
 7. Attend safeguarding training at the appropriate level
 8. Respond appropriately
 9. Keep information about cases or suspicions confidential.
 10. Whistle blow in cases of abuse or suspected abuse.
 11. Report any allegation or suspicion but not investigate
 12. Pay attention to any concerns or worries that you or others may have, may see, or may hear about.
- We will fully cooperate with the diocese and appropriate statutory bodies during any investigation into abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community.
 - We will ensure that pastoral care is made available to children, young people their families and vulnerable adults who have suffered abuse, and to any member of our church community against whom an allegation is made.
 - We are committed to reviewing our safeguarding policy every year and as part of this to check our parish safeguarding procedures including DBS checks making sure they are up to date and relevant.