

PCC September 2022 Interim Safeguarding Report

Training and DBS Checks – As reported to the PCC in July 2022, all training and DBS checks are up to date. The PSO will advise individuals when they need to be redone.

Spiritual Abuse – A new House of Bishop's Guidance "Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults" came into effect on 4.7.22. Understanding of spiritual abuse is a new area of knowledge and understanding. A link to the new Guidance and a summary of spiritual abuse can be found in the Safeguarding Newsletter July 2022 – copy attached (bottom of page 1 and page 2) Please read this summary information before the meeting as the PCC need to consider this and review our own practice in this area of work.

Church Activities and Risk Assessments – the Church Wardens/Standing Committee are currently considering the Risk Assessments pertaining to activities involving children. Update to be provided at the meeting. There should be risk assessments for all church activities.

There are no church activities relating to vulnerable adults. NB – the definition of vulnerable adults can be found in the new House of Bishop's Guidance as above.

Safeguarding Sunday – 20th November. See Safeguarding Newsletter page 3. In previous years, note has been made of this in the services and the PSO introduced to the congregation to ensure that as many people as possible know to whom they can report issues or concerns.

Parish Safeguarding Officer

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