

Team Safeguarding Officers Report for 2023

All the necessary Safeguarding checks were carried out during the year. DBS checks have been completed as needed, for those new to posts, and those requiring renewal. All safeguarding information is securely stored on the Diocesan DBS Microsite.

Completion of the Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training courses is now a requirement for all members of a PCC. The highest level of training – i.e. Foundation – has to be updated every 3 years. PCC members are also required to complete the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training course, but this does not have to be updated. These training courses are available online, and we also plan to arrange some group training sessions in the Team.

The safeguarding statement required by the Diocese is on the front page of the Team website, and gives our contact details, as well as those of the Diocesan officers. Safeguarding has been an agenda item at all PCC meetings across the Team during the year. As a Team we have complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

We should like to thank everyone in the Team for their continued care for each other and alertness to the needs of those around them so that our churches are truly safe and welcoming places.

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