

Circulation: All Licensed Clergy, Church Wardens, Child Protection Officers and Parish Safeguarding Officers

We are redesigning how we share Safeguarding Newsletters with you but in the meantime this is a short update to inform you that there have been some staff changes and some general reminders to support you.

Staff Changes

As you may already be aware Colin Perkins has been seconded full time to work for the National Church of England Safeguarding Team until the end of September 2020 and in the interim period the DSA role will be covered as a job share by Jason Tingley and Claire Coles. Jason recently joined the team to provide additional cover during Colin's initial secondment and the additional capacity will be provided by Claire who has previously worked with West Sussex County Council.

The teams full contact details and the 'What do I do if?' section can be found on the Diocese of Chichester website. You can access this via: <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/>

We are now also using a generic email inbox which is monitored during working hours. Please use this for general enquiries so that we can respond in good time: safeguarding@chichester.anglican.org

COVID19

As you will be aware a range of guidance has been published on the website including safeguarding advice, how to help others safely and the use of video-calling with young people. The website will continue to be updated with any national or local guidance relating to safeguarding and more general COVID19 information. You can access this via: <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/coronavirus-advice/>

Abuse in a domestic setting and COVID19

In addition to the information already published (as noted above) we have also produced specific guidance to support the material already on our website. Please see attached guide.

DBS

Licensed Clergy DBS renewals will still be processed by Kim Nash, who will contact clergy individually to explain the process before renewals are due. Parish Lead Recruiters must not apply for DBS checks for any clergy, Licensed or PTO as the Safeguarding Dept are still processing Licensed clergy DBS's. PTO clergy DBS renewals run in parallel with their Permission to Officiate (issued by Bishop Martin) and cannot presently be administered by The Palace Office. Any renewal due will be started when we return to office working.

Please can you also ensure that all parishes have a Lead Recruiter to process DBS's. Contact Kim 01273 425 680 if you have any questions.



Past Case Review (PCR2)

Thank you to all those Parishes that have returned their PCR2 forms. There are still many outstanding so we would appreciate it if you could return your forms to the PCR2 email address at: PCR2@chichester.anglican.org

Claire Coles will be leading PCR2 and indications are that the national direction will extend the deadline for completion of the full process until next summer. We will share more information when this is confirmed.

Best wishes and Happy Easter from the Safeguarding Team