

C3 Foundation/Leadership, Clergy and Lay Ministers

Who is this module for?

Required for those holding a license, commission, authorisation, permission to officiate from a Bishop, - Ordained and Lay including, but not limited to:

- All clergy holding a licence
- Readers
- Lay evangelists
- Lay Pastoral Ministers

It may be appropriate for some clergy and lay ministers with PTO to complete only the foundation element of this module, or alternatively a separate C1 module. (if you think this may apply to you, please consult with the DSA who will discuss with the Bishop)

Intended learning aims and objectives

To equip incumbents, licensed and authorised ministers to embed healthy parish safeguarding practice and respond well to safeguarding situations. By the end of this module you will:

- Be aware of the scope of safeguarding children and adults in the church context.
- Be aware of the range of current state legislation, statutory guidance and Church of England policies/guidance and the need to work in partnership with statutory agencies.
- Be able to describe ways to work in partnership within the diocese and with external agencies. List key statutory sector partners and know how to contact those relevant to your current work.
- Be equipped to ensure senior staff and the DSA are informed of all parish safeguarding issues.
- Be able to explain personal roles and responsibilities as incumbent/priest-in-charge/curate/licensed or authorised minister.
- Be aware of how you respond well to safeguarding information, including who to inform, referral for investigation and the boundaries of confidentiality.
- Be able to describe diocesan safeguarding processes for responding to serious safeguarding situations, responding to children and adults (including survivors) and referral to other agencies; managing risk and review of safe working practices.
- Be able to demonstrate the accurate recording and safe storage of safeguarding information.
- Work safely in your role following policy and preventative practice guidance.