

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

MAY 2014

Emailed to clergy, licensed lay ministers, parish safeguarding officers and church wardens.

WELCOME ... to the Newsletter for Safeguarding Children and Adults who may be vulnerable. You can find a printer-friendly version of this and previous Newsletters at: www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/safeguardingnews

Authorised Listeners

The Church of England has formally recognised the need for those who have been abused to have access to someone acting in the role of listener distinct from that of the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. The listener provides an attentive and attuned listening ear to help those in need to talk about their experiences. In keeping with Church of England requirements, the Diocese of Peterborough has appointed two Authorised Listeners. If you would like to talk to an Authorised Listener or you know of someone else who does, please contact Garry Johnson who will be able to put you in contact with one of our Listeners. You can find out more about the role here:-

<http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1292643/respondingwellforweb.pdf> (see pages 6-7)

2 The Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) and Peterborough Diocese, Criminal Record Disclosure service

Your criminal record check (“DBS check”) is now completed online under the new E bulk system run by CCPAS on behalf of the Peterborough Diocese. It is free to Parishes and much quicker than the old paper system. The Peterborough Diocese no longer runs the paper based service as a Registered body, so please make sure your Parish signs up to the scheme if you haven’t done so already!

You can get more information here:-

[Diocesan Disclosure Scheme](#)

For information directly from CCPAS, contact Martin Atkins our CCPAS account manager - email: accountmanager@ccpas.co.uk or telephone 0845 120 45 49 Ext 204

3 The Disclosure and Barring (DBS) UPDATE Service

Although operational for nearly a year, Dioceses were initially requested not to promote the Update service until its new provider was in place. The new provider was appointed earlier this year. Please now feel free to use this service.

What is the benefit of using the DBS Update Service?

You can have your DBS Certificate kept up-to-date electronically and take it with you from role to role, within the same workforce*, where the same type and level of check is required. This means that you will not need a new DBS check every time your job title changes – but you will need a new DBS if the workforce changes. This allows you to reuse your DBS certificate when applying for similar jobs.

**i.e 'Child Workforce', 'Adult Workforce' or 'Child and Adult Workforce'*

How does the DBS Update Service work?

If an individual subscribes to the DBS Update Service their employer can go online, with their consent, and carry out a free, instant check to find out if the information released on the DBS certificate is current and up-to-date.

Is there an additional cost?

Joining the service is an individual decision but we are highly recommending it for volunteers as it is free. Paid workers would need to pay a yearly subscription fee of £13.00 at their own cost.

When does the DBS Update Service begin?

The DBS Update Service has been operational since 17th June 2013.

How do I subscribe to the DBS Update Service?

Subscription to the DBS Update Service is NOT automatic – but you can join at the same time you apply for a DBS check or within 14 days of the date of issue printed on your Certificate.

Here are some useful links to the DBS website about the Update Service:

[DBS Update Service](#)

[DBS Update Service - Applicant Guide](#)

4 Safeguarding Training 2014

Safeguarding Foundation Children and Adults Workshops

I get asked the following question quite a lot so here's a reminder!

Who should attend?

(i) Some are now required to attend! [See Bishop Donald's letter to clergy no 10](#)

- All Parish and Cathedral Clergy
- Curates
- Clergy with PTO

Also, all trainee and licensed readers, licensed evangelists, and lay pastoral ministers.

(ii) Some are strongly recommended to attend

- Anyone working with 0-18 year olds in the name of the church
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (eg luncheon club's home visiting)
- Designated persons for Safeguarding, usually Parish or Cathedral Safeguarding Officers
- Members of PCC's
- Churchwardens (where in direct contact with vulnerable groups)
- Caretakers (where in direct contact with vulnerable groups)
- Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are 0-18 year olds or vulnerable adults in the group
- Verifiers of DBS applications
- Bell Ringers
- Lay Worship Leaders

What if I've done the previous safeguarding training?

If you have completed both the adults and children safeguarding courses in the past three years you do not need to attend this workshop. If you have received safeguarding training in other roles (e.g. as a teacher or police officer) you are still encouraged to attend. The training is specific to the church context. In the same way, you would not be exempt from education/police training, because you have done the church training. Your attendance is also valuable because of the expertise you can share with other trainees.

Upcoming Safeguarding Foundation Workshops, Children and Adults 2014

Saturday	5 th July 2014	Bouverie Court, Northampton
Wednesday	10 th September 2014	Bouverie Court, Northampton
Wednesday	8 th October 2014	Cedar Centre, Castor
Tuesday	4 th November 2014	Bouverie Court, Northampton

Please contact Sharon Welbourne to book onto Safeguarding Training Workshops.

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Domestic Abuse awareness in our Churches

Look out for the next **Domestic Abuse Awareness in our Churches** Workshops which will run in the Autumn. Dates announced soon.

5 Annual Report 2013

The Annual Report for 2013 was approved by Diocesan Synod on Saturday 22nd March 2013. Please e mail Garry Johnson if you would like a copy.

Don't forget!

You can get information about many of your safeguarding queries on line at www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/safeguarding

Or you can ring **Garry Johnson, Safeguarding Officer**, on 01733 887000
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