

## Safeguarding Children and Adults

### ANNUAL REPORT 2017

#### 1. Independent Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel.



The Diocesan Safeguarding Management Group is now called the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP). They continued to meet and fulfil their responsibilities for the strategic oversight of safeguarding in relation to our Diocese and Cathedral.

Whilst all of us in our churches have a responsibility for the protection and care of others, formal responsibility for safeguarding children and adults is vested in the role of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Team. Diocesan safeguarding work continues to fall into three main areas: 1. casework and provision of information and advice; 2. training and developing and 3. making safeguarding policy and guidance available for parish and cathedral church use.

Garry Johnson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA), retired from his role in July 2017 and Beverly Huff, Assistant DSA, was successful in selection as his replacement. Sam Suddery, a former Police Officer, was appointed Assistant Safeguarding Adviser in July 2017. She brings extensive expertise and experience to the safeguarding team. Sharon Welbourne now performs the part time role of safeguarding administrator, as well as continuing in her role as the Diocesan Secretary's PA. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the Diocese to the safeguarding team.

#### 2. Casework and Information and Advice

##### CASEWORK AND ADVICE STATISTICS 2014 -2017

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cases active at beginning of period	30	36	41	32
New cases since beginning of period	64	71	82	103
Closed during the period	61	63	84	87
<b>Total Active Cases at 31/12</b>	33	41	38	50
<b>Information and Advice consultations</b>	108	93	107	171



Casework refers to the direct safeguarding work undertaken with our Parish Churches and the Cathedral in relation to children, young people, vulnerable adults, survivors of abuse, and those who pose a risk to others in our churches. So a 'case' refers to a unit of work over time focussed upon a named child or adult.

We receive many requests for *Information and Advice*. Information and advice relates solely to units of work concerning specific issues that do not relate to concerns about a particular child or

adult. For example: requests by telephone, e-mail or face to face contact concerning: babysitting, data protection, disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks, home visiting, photography, bell ringing, the role of the parish / benefice safeguarding officer, training etc.

In December 2017, the Church of England's Independent Scrutiny Team, working for the National Safeguarding Team, requested each DSA to re-review their Past Case Reviews from 2009 / 2010 and deceased blue clergy files. This resulted in 34 cases (not included in the statistics above) being reviewed at end of December 2017, no issues were identified.

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### 3. Safeguarding training.



2017 saw the launch of the National Safeguarding Teams training strategy across all Diocese. This means that five 'Core' training modules and two of the 'Specialist' training modules need to be delivered across the Diocese to everyone at varying levels. A total of 29 training sessions were delivered by the DSA team in 2017 compared to 14 the previous year.

With the assistance of our rural deans and Senior Leadership Team, 23 training volunteers have been recruited safely and will be assisting the DSA team to deliver a substantial training delivery programme for 2018 onwards, this will be monitored by the DSAP.

C0 basic safeguarding training and C1 safeguarding foundation training have been launched on-line which will assist in delivering the modules.

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### 4. Safer church policy and practice guidance.



Safeguarding Policy and Guidance can be found on the Safeguarding pages of the Peterborough Diocese website and this underwent a major review in 2017.

There were several new policies which were published by the National Safeguarding Team, following sign off by the House of Bishops. All safeguarding guidance can be found here:

<http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding>

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### 5. Information Sharing with partner agencies.

The DSA team have made substantial inroads in developing information sharing protocols with several of our statutory partners. A Memorandum of Understanding regarding safeguarding information sharing has been agreed with Northamptonshire Police and one is being developed with Cambridgeshire Police.

The DSA now sits on the Cambridgeshire Adults' Safeguarding Board, and the Ely DSA sits on the Children's Safeguarding Board. It has been agreed that information is then shared across both Diocese.

An Information Sharing Protocol is also being developed with St Andrews Healthcare in Northamptonshire.



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