

ACPM 2020

Report on Safeguarding Children and Adults who may be vulnerable.

The Church of England wholly supports Government guidance on safeguarding children and adults who may be vulnerable and St Oswald's, Sowerby, recognises its responsibilities to those involved in church attendance and activities.

I am the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Lead Recruiter for the DBS checks.

Gayle Hartley is the Additional Recruiter assisting with DBS checks.

A regular meeting takes place between myself, Gayle and the Children & Youth Leader (Pauline Alderson) to ensure safeguarding matters are kept up to date. We receive training from the Diocese.

Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks are made for church members involved in activities where children and adults who may be vulnerable are taking part, also for the PCC and Church Wardens.

References and Confidential Declarations are taken up where necessary.

ALL Safeguarding Training is now led by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (Julie O'Hara) and her Assistant (Rob Marshall).

Levels C0 and C1 are completed online, further levels require attendance, (currently on Zoom).

The Diocese takes the lead on training because Julie and Rob are trainers, they are up to date and it ensures that everyone is following the same advice and learning. Julie and Rob are also there for support.

It is requested that PCC members, in consideration of their legal responsibilities, complete the online course C0.

This course is designed to raise people's awareness of safeguarding issues, to help people recognise when safeguarding procedures are required, what to do next, and how they themselves will be supported.

Once PCC members have completed C0 they should print off their certificate (or the email) giving details of the completion of the course and pass it on to myself or Gayle for our records.)

Link for C0: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>

(Please contact Gayle if you have any problems).

Currently our Children and Youth activities and services are all taking place on Zoom. Pauline has devised a protocol for keeping people safe on Zoom.

Thank you to Pauline and Gayle and the Church Wardens who continue to support me in my role.

Elizabeth Allen
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