

Safeguarding report May 15th 2022.

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A number of DBS certificates have been renewed: John Chamberlain, Trevor King, Phil and myself are being done by the PSO of St Martins. There is now a requirement for all PCC members to have a disclosure certificate. Maureen received hers in February. All disclosure certificates now need to be renewed after 3 years. There are two more members of the PCC who will need to have a renewal and one who will need a first check.

The diocese asked the PSO to do 3 checks for St Frances and Windmill Hill. These were completed just after Christmas.

The PCC is requested to approve and amend if necessary the action plan submitted for us from the diocese.

There are three items to be addressed on the action plan. One is that a report is given by the PSO to the PCC. The other is a list of church activities. The third concerns training.

Online training is required for all PCC members. It is appreciated some people might wish to have help accessing these course. The diocese suggest a 'buddy' scheme where members of the PCC help each other to do the course. These are courses C0 (safeguarding awareness 45 mins) and C1 (Foundation) and domestic abuse on the diocesan safeguarding part of the website. <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

These have been done by most of the PCC but domestic abuse is a new course and will therefore need to be done. This is why the action plan states that some need to complete their courses. The Tower Captain also has to complete these 3 courses. It is however recommended that if the training was done over 3 years ago, it should be done again.

The PCC must agree to abide by the safer recruitment guidance if and when it is necessary to recruit. This applies to volunteers in key roles but not church wardens. *[From January 2022 there are some key changes to safer recruitment that Parishes need to be aware of and plan for, primarily](#)*

The PCC must have approved all uses of social media for its activities and the approval updated annually. There should be a named person to whom others using the media are accountable. All church officers must be aware of the guidance in s12 of the Parish Safeguarding handbook handbook

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

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