



# Safeguarding Newsletter Summer 2019

## Diocesan Safeguarding Team

The team has recently expanded to include two Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers (ADSAs) to support Carol Clarke the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. Dara Lloyd has been in post since May 2018 and Deb Jennings joined the team in March 2019. Carol, Dara and Deb are responsible for case work, training and partnership working and Helen Tebbatt continues to provide training and support to parishes.

The safeguarding team provides cover from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and can be contacted on **024 7652 1345**.



When ringing the safeguarding team you will be given two options to choose from depending on whether your call relates to a safeguarding concern or is a general enquiry. This will ensure that your call is dealt with by the appropriate person. Contact can also be made via e-mail at [safeguarding@covcofe.org](mailto:safeguarding@covcofe.org)

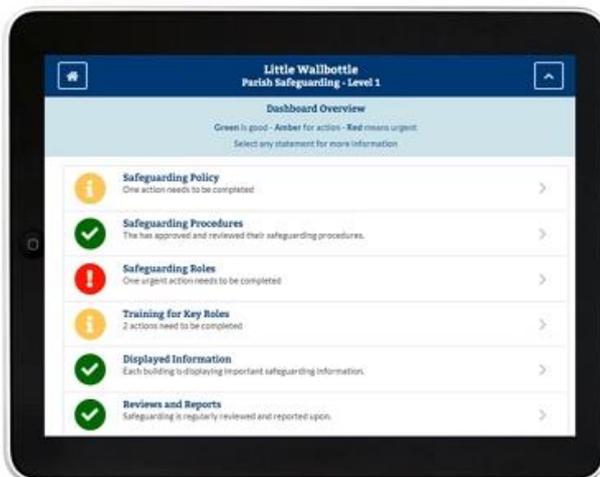
## Out of hours arrangements

If you require safeguarding advice outside office hours we now have an out-of-hours safeguarding helpline.

This is operated by a Christian organisation called Thirtyone:eight who will offer you professional safeguarding advice. They will also forward an e-mail to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team so we are made aware of the call and one of our team will respond to this message when they are next in the office.

Just ring the office number **024 7652 1345**, and your call will be diverted to the helpline if the office is closed.

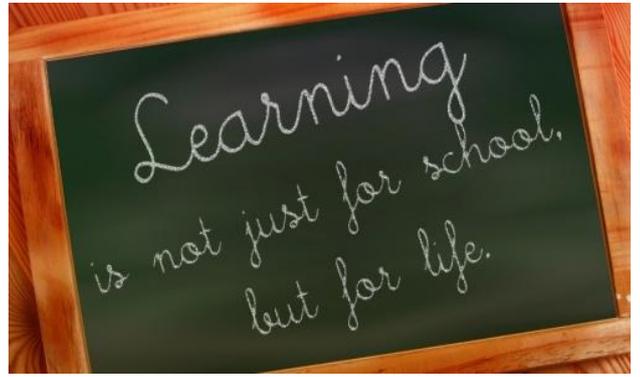
## Parish Safeguarding Dashboard



The safeguarding dashboard has been designed to display a clear and simple dashboard on a mobile, tablet or computer. It allows the Incumbent, Parish Safeguarding Officer and other authorised users to see the current status at a glance. We are pleased to say that 108 parishes are now using the dashboard (over half the parishes in the diocese). The overwhelming feedback from parishes is that it is easy to use and makes life simpler for Parish Safeguarding Officers. To see the dashboard in action, you can watch a short video on <http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/SafeguardingDashboards> and if you want to start using the dashboard, email Helen Tebbatt at [safeguarding@covcofe.org](mailto:safeguarding@covcofe.org) Once Helen has sent you an invitation email and you have registered, you will be able to access your dashboard from <https://www.parishdashboards.org.uk/>

## Safeguarding Training

Dates for C1 (Foundation module) and C2 (Leadership module) during the summer term can be found on the Diocese of Coventry Safeguarding website. C0 (online basic safeguarding awareness course) will need to be completed before attending any further safeguarding training. C5 (Refresher Module training) will also be delivered throughout the year. This will be delivered to Clergy first and will be available for laity from September 2019.



The S3 Safeguarding Specialist Module: Raising Awareness and Responding Well to Domestic Abuse was piloted in November 2018. The training was well received and this one day training will be rolled out during 2019. One date has been planned for the summer term, details of which are on the safeguarding training website and a further two days are planned for the winter term. These dates will be offered to Clergy in the first instance but there are plans to hold shorter training sessions in 2020 for everyone else who may be interested.

Places on training fill up very quickly so please book promptly.

## Family Hubs - Coventry



Family Hubs have been set up across Coventry for children, young people and families who are in need of help and support. The hubs have replaced Children Centres and they provide: Support to children and young people aged 0-19 years (up to 24 if have a disability), family support within the home, parenting support, support to children with special educational needs, a range of child and family health clinics including baby well clinics and support with managing finances. Contact can be made by telephone or by attending in person (all hubs have a member of staff on duty every day). A professional or another person can make a referral on somebody else's behalf but it must be with the person's consent.

If you are making a referral on behalf of somebody else you can also use the 'Request for Early Help' form. There are 8 family hubs across Coventry. To find where the hubs are located and to access the 'Request for Early Help' use the following link [www.dioceseofcoventry.org/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/safeguarding) and click on the MASH section. There is also a document which highlights what information the hubs will require when making a referral. If you would like more information please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

## Family Hubs - Warwickshire

Family Hubs in Warwickshire are still being developed. Consideration is being given to converting 12 Children Centres into family community hubs which will be located in the following boroughs; North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford and Warwick. This work is still in progress.

## Coventry and Warwickshire Safeguarding in Faiths Forum

The safeguarding in faith forum has representatives from a number of faiths. It is hosted and chaired by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team but is driven by Coventry Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) and Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) which the forum reports to. The forum meets quarterly and its purpose is to increase awareness of safeguarding issues and support with community faith groups; promote and share good practice in all aspects of safeguarding across diverse faiths; work with statutory organisations to provide effective services for Coventry and Warwickshire's diverse communities and faith groups with particular reference to recently arrived communities and provide feedback to Safeguarding Boards in relation to relevant issues or concerns.

The forum has established links with the Family Hubs and is keen to raise awareness and strengthen relationships between all faith groups and the hubs across Coventry. With this in mind, CSCB has commissioned Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC) to conduct a mapping exercise across the city with the aim of informing faith groups of the role of Family Hubs and the support they can offer and informing public sector staff of the range of services faith groups provide to communities and individuals. To facilitate this, VAC will be organising a series of events to bring faith groups and family hub representatives together on a locality basis.

## News from the National Safeguarding Team

Melissa Caslake, Executive Director of Children's Services for Kensington has been appointed as the Church of England's first permanent Director of Safeguarding.

### Training:

The national training team is developing a new framework for delivering training. The proposed changes went out to all Dioceses for consultation in March 2019 and feedback from the consultation will be shared with the National Training and Development Working Group to determine the final revised framework. The re-drafted guidance will then be presented to the National Safeguarding Steering Group for approval.



### Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

The final hearing into the Church of England will be held 1–12 July 2019, with a particular focus on the adequacy of safeguarding policies and practices. The hearing will examine the seal of the confession, clergy discipline, support and reparations to victims and survivors, safeguarding training and education, the culture of the church and its impact on safeguarding.

### Safe Spaces

The Church of England and the Catholic Church of England and Wales are jointly funding the Safe Spaces project which aims to provide support for adult survivors of church related abuse. A project manager has been appointed and the project is being overseen by a management board chaired by the Bishop of London.

## Future safeguarding events

A safeguarding celebration is being planned for the autumn to acknowledge and celebrate the excellent work that safeguarding officers do. Details will be circulated when finalised.

