

Safeguarding report for 2025

This is now my fourth annual report as Safeguarding Officer. There was only one significant ongoing safeguarding incident which required reference to the statutory agencies.

The careful monitoring of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard means that at the end of 2025 the Parish has achieved 75% of the mandatory requirements. This has led to the parish reaching level 3 (there are three levels). The Safeguarding Hub, which provides detailed information about the parish's activities and the roles that volunteers undertake, was also updated regularly. This provides helpful tracking in terms of DBS that need to be refreshed and training to be completed.

Training was undertaken by several PCC members and a few DBS were refreshed. Some training was still outstanding at the end of the year, but this is being addressed.

In addition to updating in the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Statement and the parish's safeguarding policy and procedures, the PCC reviewed its policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders. Several other safeguarding related policies were also reviewed and update where necessary. Several risk assessments were also approved / updated. A copy of all current policies and risk assessments will be available for inspection at the APCM.

Each PCC report includes a summary table indicating the status of DBS certificates required and those current. The table also includes up to date information on required training. There is also information on the status of DBS and training for all the main outreach activities. This enables the PCC to see, briefly, where actions need to be taken to ensure the parish is compliant with Diocesan expectations.

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