

Safeguarding in the Diocese of London

April 2015

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team have asked me to write to you to introduce some new materials and tools that you might find useful in your churches.

In particular:

- **Updated webpages** - these include a revised and shortened safeguarding policy, guidance notes, templates and forms. These can be accessed via the safeguarding page at <http://www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding/>.
- **E-learning** – this e-learning module can be shared and utilised by anyone from your congregation who works with children, young people or vulnerable adults. It offers a good level of basic awareness training which can later be followed up with face to face training where required. You can access this via www.london.cofelearning.org. You will need to provide your parish code to participants so that they can register.
- **Safeguarding Prompt cards** – these small cards (included with the hard copy mailing) can be shared with your congregation to provide a useful reminder about how to respond to safeguarding concerns and include useful contact details. There is a space for you to include details of your local authority children's and adult's social care details.
- **Responding Well** – this précis (enclosed) gives a short overview of the National Church document, "Responding Well to those who have been sexually abused", 2011 which you need to be aware of.
- the new **PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement** (enclosed). Please display this in an appropriate place on your church premises.

In addition, I enclose an **Annual Safeguarding Audit**. The National Church will require all Dioceses to implement annual audits within their parishes. We are asking you please to complete this prior to the first meeting of your new PCC following your APCM. It should be used to inform your discussion on safeguarding prior to signing

Please return a copy of this, together with the Safeguarding Audit to our Safeguarding department, either by post, to Ruth Rundle, at Diocesan House (address above), or by email to safeguarding@london.anglican.org

Further dates for training sessions for Clergy and CSO groups from May 2015 will be provided in the near future.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on safeguarding@london.anglican.org

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