

Teignmouth West

Level 2 Action Plan for Promoting a Safer Church

Introduction

The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, *Promoting a Safer Church*, says:

"All Church bodies should ensure that they have a 'Promoting a Safer Church' action plan in place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly."

This Action Plan has been produced by an application called *Safeguarding Dashboards* for the consideration of the PCC.

The PCC is invited to discuss, amend and approve this Action Plan.

Safeguarding Dashboards has three levels:

- Level 1 - Safer Foundations;
- Level 2 - Safer Activities;
- Level 3 - Safer Practices.

Further information about these levels can be found at... <https://tinyurl.com/roadmap-safeguarding>

This Level 2 Action Plan only covers Safer Foundations and Safer Activities.

Safeguarding Dashboards can also produce a Level 3 Action Plan once sufficient progress has been made at Level 2.

Date approved by the PCC: _____

Policies and Action Plan

	Status	Notes
<p>Safeguarding Policy Approval The PCC must approve a parish safeguarding policy which complies with Church of England requirements.</p>	Completed	The Promoting a Safer Church will be resigned at the first PCC in 2021. The 1 page poster will be updated on this occasion.
<p>Safeguarding Policy Promotion 'Promoting a Safer Church' must be publicised and promoted, and all Church Officers must have access to it.</p>	Completed	The Promoting a Safer Church booklet was left with the PCC on the 16th of September at the PCC meetingg
<p>Safeguarding Action Plan The PCC must approve an action plan and review it regularly.</p>	Completed	The Action Plan was reviewed in detail at the PCC meeting in September. Signed off and placed in the PCC file.
<p>Recruitment of Ex-Offenders The PCC must have a policy regarding the recruitment of ex-offenders.</p>	Completed	This document was reviewed in detail at the PCC meeting and signed by the Vicar. Now filed.

Safeguarding Procedures

	Status	Notes
<p>Responding to Concerns or Allegations The PCC must approve a procedure to deal promptly with any safeguarding concern or allegation (including any suspicion of abuse). This procedure is to be reviewed annually.</p>	Completed	The Responding to Allegations or Concerns Statement was sent to the PCC secretary on the 17th of July 2020 for review and sign off at the next PCC meeting

Safeguarding Roles

	Status	Notes
<p>Parish Safeguarding Representative The PCC must safely recruit a lay person, not related to the incumbent, to the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative. The appointment is to be made in accordance with national 'safer recruitment' guidance.</p>	Completed	

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Churchwardens The churchwardens must be made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.	The churchwardens need to be made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.	At the moment there are no Church Wardens on this PCC. This situation will change after the APCM
DBS Verifier The PCC must appoint at least one DBS Verifier who is responsible for the administration of DBS applications. This role may be carried out by the Parish Safeguarding Representative.	Completed	

Training for Key Roles

	Status	Notes
Parish Safeguarding Representative The Parish Safeguarding Representative must complete Foundation (C1), Leadership (C2) and Safer Recruitment (S1) training.	Completed	SH is the Safeguarding Officer for this PCC at this point in time.
Churchwardens All churchwardens must complete Foundation (C1) and Leadership (C2) safeguarding training.	Churchwardens need to be appointed.	There is a possibility that Church Wardens will be recruited at the APCM.
DBS Verifier Every DBS Verifier must complete Safer Recruitment training (S1).	Completed	
PCC Members All PCC members must complete Basic Awareness safeguarding training (C0).	Two PCC members need to complete Basic Awareness training (C0).	There are some current PCC members who will be ending their involvement. Although the training is outstanding at this point in time, it is unlikely that it will be completed before withdrawal.

Displayed Information

	Status	Notes
Safeguarding Policy Notice Each church building must display a notice about its safeguarding policy.	Completed	This document has yet to be discussed and signed off.

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<p>Safeguarding Who's Who Each church building must display contact details for people who have safeguarding roles.</p>	Completed	A poster documenting the contact details of the local SG Officer and the Diocesan Office, can be found on the notice board of the church.
<p>Parish Website Safeguarding arrangements must be clearly visible on the front page of a parish website (if you have one).</p>	Completed	Our Team website, and the A Church Near You website contains the contact details of SG officers and other local support agencies.

Reviews and Reports

	Status	Notes
<p>PCC Agendas Safeguarding must be a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.</p>	Completed	SG has been an agenda item since the new PCC Sec joined the PCC.
<p>Reports to the PCC The Parish Safeguarding Representative must give regular reports to the PCC regarding safeguarding in the parish.</p>	Completed	An updated report was sent to the PCC in preparation for the meeting on the 16th of September
<p>Reports to the APCM At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the PCC must report on safeguarding in the parish.</p>	Completed	A SG report has been shared with the PCC for review and for uploading to the Haldon Team APCM data base
<p>Review List of Church Activities The PCC must confirm that the list of Church Activities on this dashboard is complete.</p>	Completed	There are no childrens outreach activities at this moment in time. The Friday Club activity with children will recommence post Convid Closure. This is a subject for discussion at the next meeting.

Church Activities