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To Incumbents, Priests-in-Charge and Team Vicars
copied to Churchwardens and Parish Safeguarding Officers

Displaying safeguarding information on your parish website and in your church

I and the Archdeacons are writing to you with important information about making safeguarding information visible and readily accessible. I am sure that this will be a reminder to you, but I hope that it is a helpful reminder.

You will be aware that it is vital that anyone who has a concern or a question of a safeguarding nature can access information, especially about whom to contact, simply and easily.

You will also be aware that the Guidance from the House of Bishops obliges you to ensure that this information is readily found. Indeed, since preparing a first draft of this letter, in the last few days, two formal complaints under the CDM, concerning this issue, have been received from external sources.

Website

Your parish website must have certain safeguarding information on its front page. Here are the details and some suggested wording:

- There should be a 'tab' on the front page of the website and we would suggest that it says the following:
'The parish of xxx takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Further information about this can be found at Safeguarding.'

The word 'Safeguarding' should be something upon which those visiting the site can click and which would lead them through to a Safeguarding page.

- The Safeguarding page should contain:
 - (a) Contact details of the PSOs and churchwardens
'We take the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously at xxx. Our Parish Safeguarding Officers can be contacted on xxx and our Churchwardens can be contacted on xxx.'
 - (b) Information about where to get help with child and adult safeguarding issues (local authority Children and Adults Services details & key helplines).
 - (c) Diocesan Safeguarding Team contact numbers
 - (d) A link to the latest edition of 'A Safe Church'

We have included relevant information for inclusion from (b) to (d) at the end of this letter.

No parish website?

- The parish should offer the information above on their A Church Near You (ACNY) page (which has safeguarding tabs on every page and will take the user through to diocesan safeguarding details). If you have questions about how to add to the ACNY profile, please contact Daniel Stone in Press and Communications at Trinity House (daniel.stone@southwark.anglican.org).

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team recently sent information concerning this to all clergy via the mid-May electronic mailing. The information has been repeated in the May safeguarding Newsletter (Issue 24) which you can find on the safeguarding pages of the Diocesan website and also in the June edition of Noticeboard.

That also contains information about the way in which safeguarding information and contacts should be displayed in the church. As well as the safeguarding poster contained in the May mailing, you should also be displaying in your church a dated copy of your PCC's safeguarding policy. A template is available at:
https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/asafechurch/1.%20Parish%20Safeguarding%20Policy_F.docx

That this information should be on display is in the safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops and it is therefore of great importance that all parishes in the Diocese comply.

We would be very grateful if you could please confirm to your archdeacon that your website and church complies with this by Friday 19th July; i.e. in a month's time. Thank you.

During the course of the summer we will be looking to ensure that these pages are in place.

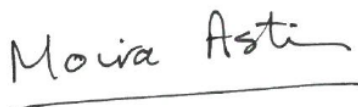
We greatly appreciate your partnership in implementing the very best safeguarding good practice in the Diocese and all that you do to make our churches safe places for children and vulnerable adults. Thank you.

If you have any questions about this please do get in touch with your Archdeacon or with the Safeguarding Team.

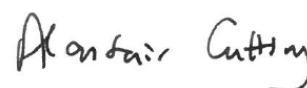
With very many thanks and best wishes



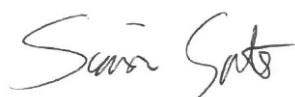
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Key helpline information to include at (b):

- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
- **Child-line:** [0800 1111](tel:08001111) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
- **Samaritans Helpline:** 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** [080 8808 8141](tel:08088088141) (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers contact details to include at (c):

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Kate Singleton kate.singleton@southwark.anglican.org 020 7939 9423 Mobile 07982 279713 (for urgent matters out of hours)

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Link to current edition of A Safe Church to include at (d):

<https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>