

# Keeping us Safe

## Safeguarding Training: Compliance across the Diocese

*Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Jem Carter writes:*

Dear colleagues – I wanted to remind you all of the need for us as a Diocese to ensure we have (and maintain) a high level of compliance in respect of those who hold leadership roles (whether Clergy or Lay) and the completion of Safeguarding training.

In this vein I would ask you to consider when you last completed the mandated leadership training and, if it is due to expire shortly (or indeed has done so already), that you book onto a new course as soon as possible. This is done via the training pages of the [Diocesan website](#), where assorted dates are advertised and will be added to as further courses are arranged.

If you need to know when your next round of training is due, please contact the Safeguarding team and we will let you know. This is required to be completed every three years and should be undertaken prior to the expiry of the three-year anniversary.

Whilst primarily this course now takes the form of two 90-minute online workshops, with effect from next month there will be a limited number of face-to-face courses for those unable to access online resources. Again, these are detailed on the Diocesan website.

At the request of our Area Bishops the Safeguarding team will shortly be providing them with regular lists of those in leadership roles across their respective areas, whose training appears to have expired or will do in the near future, to ensure they have an overview of our level of compliance in this area.

We have made huge strides clearing the significant backlog of Safeguarding training, which had built up during the initial lockdown period, when no training was able to take place. Thank you for your engagement over this which has helped massively. Please can I seek your continued support going forwards in us maintaining this?

Once we have refined it, we will be looking to re-circulate training and DBS levels for different roles – a work in progress.

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