



Safeguarding Update to Parish Liaison Group – April 2023

This summary provides an update on safeguarding arrangements to St Winefride's Parish Liaison Group following the update shared in March 2023.

1. A summary of the items discussed at the meeting of March has been prepared and will be available for all Parishioners to read.
2. Work has begun on reviewing Notice Boards at the back of Church in order to provide a number of documents for Parishioners to review, this is a requirement of the Diocese in ensuring that all Parishes have access to and can request a copy of policies, procedures and documents.
3. The Diocesan Safeguarding office will be providing hard copy versions of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook for the Parish Priest, the Parish Safeguarding Rep (PSRs) & a copy for Parishioners, whilst we wait for these to arrive a copy has been linked to our Parish website and advertised within the Parish Newsletter.
4. Carmel will be updating Parish Posters with new contact details of Parish and Diocesan Contacts.
5. Fr Patrick will be attending x 2 - Zoom training sessions in the coming weeks; these will focus on the practical aspects of ensuring safeguarding is integrated into his ministry within St Winefride's.
6. Both Fr Patrick and Carmel will be expected to register to attend mandatory Domestic Abuse Training, an email has been sent to us both with dates to book, these will be in June and July.
7. Carmel has attended a training session for PSRs led by Rachel Campion, Director of Safeguarding a summary of the updates and discussion is set out below.

- Rachel introduced Alan Booth as a new Safeguarding Officer to the team. Alan has a background in safeguarding professionally, having retired from the police service working in Public Protection, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking & organised crime. Alan will eventually take on the role of training.
- Fr Matthew Jakes is taking up the role of Clergy Safeguarding Lead
- All parishes will be expected to complete a further Parish Audit toward the end of 2023, this is in preparation for a Diocesan Inspection of safeguarding arrangements
- Progress has been made in completing the uploads to the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding> this is a rich source of all policies, procedures and guidance to support Parishes and volunteers in their roles, we have links from our Parish website to the Diocesan website
- Rachel provided training updates on safeguarding for Children, Adults and Communities focussing on data, types of abuse, recognition of vulnerable people in our parish, reporting and risk assessing
- There will be Risk Assessment training available via the Diocese in bite size sessions in the near future, this will be for leaders of groups, and anyone involved in managing risks through Parish activities. Parishes were advised to hold a single folder for all RA to be held in the Parish
- The Diocese will be looking to hold a central register for all volunteers regardless of whether they require a DBS for their role, further guidance is awaited on this.
- Rachel advised that any Clergy who come to the parish as visitors perhaps for the summer as guests of the Parish are required to go through the Diocesan Office for approval.

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