

Stephen Barber
Safeguarding Adviser
Department of Mission

3 October 2014

This letter is for your Parish Safeguarding Officer or equivalent

Dear Colleague

Enquiries

I am, of course, always happy to answer your enquiries. However, I work part time and am usually only here in the mornings and not always then. You might find it quicker to check on the safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website, which you can find [here](#). Or send an email to me at stephen.barber@oxford.anglican.org.

Safeguarding monitoring return

We do this every autumn and recently sent it out the parish secretaries. If you find yourself being asked to complete it, please do it using the SurveyMonkey link given in the email, rather than by filling in the form. The form is there for your information, to let you know what the questions are going to be. If you use SurveyMonkey the results are automatically aggregated and put into a report for us. If you send in the form, we have to enter the information again manually. The closing date is 30 November.

DBS issues

I have been through all the guidance notes on the website and updated the terminology from CRB to DBS everywhere I could find it. I have also done a few other updates in wording. I think I have caught them all, but if you find any still saying CRB please let me know.

Safer recruitment

I have had several enquiries asking me to spell out the safer recruitment process. It is already there in the handbook (page 22) which you can also see at http://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/safeguarding_handbook.pdf#page=22. I have also put this page as a separate document in the forms pack. If this is still not clear, please let me know and I shall review it.

Free course on Child Sexual Exploitation

Every week seems to bring a new horror story about the sexual exploitation of children. Parents and others may be interested in this free on-line course:

http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/safeguarding-news/keep-them-safe/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SCA+SEP+2014+Newsletter&utm_content=SCA+SEP+2014+Newsletter+Version+B+CID_996deef7f66c09149a660d5c4ed6820c&utm_source=Email%20Marketing&utm_term=free%20CSE%20for%20parents%20and%20carers%20course

We shall be adding a guidance note on this issue to the Forms pack in November.

Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford OX2 0NB Direct line : (01865) 208290 e-mail : stephen.barber@oxford.anglican.org
Switchboard : Oxford (01865) 208200 Fax : Oxford (01865) 790470

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England (No.142978) whose registered office is as above and is a Registered Charity (No.247954) VAT registration number 630 6345 61

Recording pastoral encounters

Despite the work which has gone into this guidance many parishes are having difficulties with it. We shall in due course review it. Meanwhile, bear in mind that what we ask is that records of visits should be reasonable and proportionate in relation to the activities undertaken and the level of detail it is appropriate to record.

Training

We have started a programme of safeguarding training for all parish clergy which will cover the whole Diocese over three years. The Bishops will contact the relevant groups of clergy and follow this up. This training is also expected for all youth, children's and family workers employed by parishes.

For parish volunteers and for clergy and employed workers who have not yet had the centrally organized programme, training is available in various ways:

1. You may be able to attend safeguarding training offered by your Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). There is one of these for each local authority area.
2. If you have someone who is competent in safeguarding children matters and confident about delivering training I can make my parish safeguarding children training pack available for them to run a session for you. Several parishes have done this.
3. If you would like Diocesan training at your parish please contact me at stephen.barber@oxford.anglican.org with details of possible dates, numbers and venue and I will see if I can match you with a trainer from our voluntary trainer team. I cannot guarantee this.
4. We are developing a safeguarding adult training pack which is available on request. There is also a Pastoral Care training DVD called *Reaching Out*. You can order it using the order form in the Forms pack at <http://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Reaching-Out-order-form.pdf> Some Local Safeguarding Adult Boards (LSAB) also have on-line courses.
5. We shall also be developing a combined training pack for work with both children and adults. This should be available soon.
6. Training in Domestic Abuse work is also available from some Local Safeguarding Children Boards.



Stephen Barber, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

01865 208290

stephen.barber@oxford.anglican.org

Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford OX2 0NB Direct line : (01865) 208290 e-mail : stephen.barber@oxford.anglican.org

Switchboard : Oxford (01865) 208200 Fax : Oxford (01865) 790470

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England (No.142978) whose registered office is as above and is a Registered Charity (No.247954) VAT registration number 630 6345 61