Safeguarding Newsletter August 2022:

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer enjoying some period of rest, relaxation, and decent weather. I was lucky enough to be able to spend a week in the beautiful Vendee in France where I enjoyed some quality time with my young family just before my daughter starts school next week. Vacations offer the chance to reset and regroup prior to what will be another busy year for myself and my team.

# Safeguarding Training Update

I’m excited to announce that we have successfully recruited two part time safeguarding trainers and that we have been exceptionally lucky to be able to recruit individuals with exceptional levels of experience and expertise to help us take our training to the next level. As you may have noticed over the last year I have been constantly looking at ways of improving everything that we do as a team, and this has included ensuring that training is delivered in a way that matches the research and design by the national team. This includes running sessions with two facilitators as well as splitting the leadership course into two sessions. We are also working closely with both the National Safeguarding Team and our other local diocese in the South West to ensure a thorough induction, support and development package is in place.

I would like to introduce our new trainers who will be starting week commencing Sept 19th and we hope to be in a position to restart training mid-October.

**Enita Andrews** - Enita, as you may know is currently our HR Manager, but in her previous role she was the safeguarding designated lead and delivered safeguarding training to employees. Enita enjoys training and sees this role as an opportunity to develop her training skills and draw upon her previous safeguarding experience.

**Jacqueline Keir-Bucknall –** Jacqui is a self-supporting curate based in Winscombe and Sandford due to be ordained in October 2022. Jacqui’s background is in education where she was a head teacher and designated safeguarding lead.

# Training booking changes

We have made the decision to move to a different set up for booking training which will be via Eventbrite. Eventbrite is an online booking platform where you can book yourself on or cancel a session online without having to come through our team. This will save us a huge amount of time and will make it easier to organise and co-ordinate our courses. It also gives it a more professional look and feel. We hope to have this attached to our safeguarding training page imminently so please do have a look.

We will also be using Eventbrite to send out the pre course work, request feedback and post course reflections from participants. At present we do have a waiting list of people requiring safeguarding training including around 250 PTO clergy. We will be contacting anyone on this list with a link to book dates once we go live.

# Training Team Contacts

Whilst our new Trainers will be allocated email accounts I would ask that correspondence goes via our training mailbox training.safeguarding@bathwells.anglican.org so that we ensure you are responded to quickly. If you have an urgent training query you can also contact our Safeguarding Co-Ordinator Leonie Jones leonie.jones2@bathwells.anglican.org 01749 588907.

Whilst we are going to be able to offer Leadership Training at a Deanery location if there are substantial numbers it will be crucial to contact us with a substantial period of notice so that we can ensure we are able to make our trainers available. Please can such request or requests for bespoke training or events be made via our Safeguarding Manager Ben Goodhind. Ben.Goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org 01749 588907.

# Online Training

We are receiving large volumes of calls in relation to the Online Training Portal. Just to clarify this is not a Diocesan managed platform but a National one. If you are having technical issues or have missing certificates etc please can I ask that you contact elearning@safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org as we are not able to do anything our end.

# Website

A reminder that after the summer we are hoping to redesign the safeguarding section of the diocesan website. Please let me know if you have any ideas about how we can make this work better for you. Is there content you would like to see?

# Appointment of new Independent Diocesan Safeguarding Panel Chair.

I’m also pleased to announce that the Diocese has been able to appoint a new Independent chair of our Safeguarding Panel. This Panel has a crucial role to play in scrutinising the safeguarding work across the Diocese and we have been without a chair for well over a year. As with the trainers we are lucky to be able to make a very exciting appointment.

Louise Adams, an education, and safeguarding consultant is the new Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel. Her previous roles include headteacher, Her Majesty’s Inspector for OFSTED and Director of Education for two large academy trusts. Her expertise in safeguarding is primarily in the education sector, having been the person responsible for safeguarding in most of the organisations where she worked. She further developed her knowledge and skills when she undertook OFSTED safeguarding inspections of education settings, including residential and independent schools. Louise has extensive experience developing teams and chairing committees; in one her volunteer roles, as a trustee of a further education special educational needs college, she has been chairing the Education and Care committee for three years. Louise’s other volunteer role is Lifeboat Press Office for RNLI Mudeford, where she lives, with her husband, two children and German Shepherd Dog.

I wish you all a happy end of the summer and an Autumn that rescues all of our gardens.

Best wishes

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Ben Goodhind

Diocesan Safeguarding Manager