

Safeguarding report for APCM 2024

Safeguarding overview

We are encouraging vigilance and transparency to help create a culture that encourages safeguarding concerns or incidents to be raised. We aim to provide support and safeguard victims. Our collective vigilance will help ensure support and help is provided when needed.

We can report that there have been no incidents since the last PCC when an update was last given.

DBS

Thanks to all who have undergone the safer recruitment process which is one of our first line of defence. Also encourage new/future volunteers to undergo and support the safer recruitment process which is a prerequisite. Where we ask for certificates to be renewed.

These activities will ensure volunteers engaged in activities with a touch point involving children, young people and the elderly have been cleared (to enhanced level where appropriate) via the DBS process.

We continue to monitor DBS certificates that are due for renewal every 3 years to ensure applicable volunteers have a valid DBS clearance.

Training

We ensure all new volunteers engaged in activities with a touch point involving children, young people and the elderly undertake appropriate safeguarding training appropriate for the area they are volunteering in.

Oversight

We continue to maintain an oversight on all church activities with a touch point involving children, young people and the elderly.

Statement

'The PCC is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in the Church's activities.'

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