

Safeguarding Report– February 2025

Over this past year no safeguarding concerns have been received.

The Safeguarding Dashboard has been up and running for several months and it is very helpful in keeping track of training records and DBS checks. There are 23 active people in 9 roles on the dashboard all of whom have DBS checks in place.

Christine Smith is the Parish DBS Administrator, and she is kept up-to-date with any requirements. The safeguarding dashboard uses a simple traffic light system along with emails to alert me of any updates which may be due.

Training is also up-to-date apart from 2 people (Roger Barrow, and I). The delay in completing the training has been due to short staffing at the Diocese. Roger has now been able to book on the leadership course which is taking in April. The PSO Induction training is not yet available to book but Lisa Wardlaw, Interim Safeguarding Caseworker at Newcastle Diocese, advised me on 22 January that they are currently in the process of organising dates and she will circulate these once they are available. I have been able to book an online PSO Forum on 24 February. The forums are a good opportunity to gather and ask any current questions about safeguarding. On 15 January I completed online Barring List Referrals Training with Julia Mitchison from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

I regularly keep links with the Pastoral Team who usually meet up monthly.

Posters are displayed in Church and the Church gate with all contact information for services for those who have safeguarding concerns and for those who may be facing homelessness and / or domestic abuse.

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