

## Safeguarding: what to have on your parish website

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook requires each PCC to display the following information in church or online:

“(1) A formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops’ **‘Promoting a Safer Church; Safeguarding Policy Statement’**. This should be signed on behalf of the PCC.

(2) Ensure information is displayed about how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser(s), Parish Safeguarding Officer and how to get help outside the church with child and adult safeguarding issues (see **‘Model Safeguarding in Your Parish – Who’s Who’**).

(3) Ensure that safeguarding arrangements are clearly visible on the front page of the parish website. Some parishes do not have their own website. In this situation the parish may want to offer some information on the **A Church Near You** website.”

**Therefore your Parish Church Website needs to comply with the following:**

1. A tab or heading with the word **SAFEGUARDING** should be visible as soon as the home page (front page) of the website comes up. When a visitor to your website clicks on this tab/heading it should take them directly to your website Safeguarding page.

**The following information should be on the Parish Safeguarding page of your website:**

2. The safeguarding details you should have on your church noticeboard. At minimum this should include:
  - a. Name and contact details of **Parish Safeguarding Officer**
  - b. Name and contact details of **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser(s)**
  - c. Contact details of organisations outside the church who can help, for example<sup>1</sup>:
    - **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
    - **Child-line:** 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

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<sup>1</sup> See also “Promoting a Safer Church  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/PromotingASaferChurchPosterA3.pdf>

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- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
  - **Samaritans Helpline:** 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
  - **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** 080 8808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).
3. A copy of your up-to-date **Parish Safeguarding Policy** which should be reviewed annually by your PCC (check this has been reviewed)
  4. This link: For further information please go to the **Diocese of Newcastle** website: [www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding](http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding)
  5. This link: For **The Church of England's** National Safeguarding Information please go to: [www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding)
  6. A link to the leaflet: **'You will be listened to'** which can be found at <https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/documents/survivor-leaflet-you-will-be-listened/>

**If you have concerns about any of this please contact the Safeguarding Team at Church House.**