



## Changes to Safeguarding Training

The House of Bishops has approved national changes to Safeguarding training which the Diocese is introducing over the next few weeks.

The changes will affect all those who have a leadership role in the church as well as all those who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The changes are as follows:

- The current e-learning C0 course will become 'Basic Awareness in Safeguarding'
- The current e-learning C1 will become 'Foundation in Safeguarding.' This will also be available as a face to face course
- The current C2 will be replaced by 'The Leadership Course'
- We will also be running 'The Leadership Update Course' for those who have previously completed either a C2 or a C3
- The C3 course has been discontinued
- The current C4 will become 'The Safeguarding Course for Senior Leaders.' This course is run by The National Safeguarding Team
- The C5 update course has been discontinued

There is a requirement to refresh your safeguarding training every 3 years by completing the highest level of previous training. For example, if you completed a C2 or a C3 in 2017, you will need to complete a 'Leadership Update Course' this year.

Other courses continuing this year include 'Understanding Domestic Abuse in a Church Context', 'Safer Recruitment Practice', and 'DBS Verifier'. We are also hoping to develop a new course on Spiritual Abuse later this year.

For details of who should be completing which course, [click here](#) and view pages 13 and 14.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is in the process of adding new dates across the Diocese for all the new courses. To apply for your place, please [click here](#).

For more details about completing 'Basic Awareness' or 'Foundation' courses online, click here.<<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/safeguarding-training>

Finally, a huge thanks to all our volunteer trainers who deliver 'Foundation Training' in local parishes. If you would like to deliver this course in your parish, we will be running a 'Train the Trainer Course' in the Spring.