

From your Diocesan Support Teams

Keeping us Safe

Our team is on the end of the phone

The Safeguarding Team at Church House is still here and available at the end of the phone to offer advice and support. Even though churches are not yet open again for public worship, we know that many of you are out there assisting and helping vulnerable people in their communities.

This month, we offer advice for those supporting people who may be the victims of domestic abuse or domestic violence. A [recent article in the Daily Mail](#) offers some guidance on how to spot coercive and controlling behaviour, and an app that can be downloaded onto a phone to offer advice and support, that looks just like a weather app. Thirtyone:eight also offers advice on their website, [here](#).

Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs)

A reminder to clergy that if your PSO leaves their role, then we need to be informed. You also need to safely recruit their replacement/ successor. Once they are in post, please tell us their name and contact details, as we now have a proper induction programme for them to help them with their new responsibilities.

Safeguarding Leadership Training is restarting!

By the end of June we hope to be able to offer The Leadership Module (formerly C2) as an online course. Prepared by the National Safeguarding Team, this will be a face-to-face version using the Zoom platform. Zoom is easy to use - all you need is a laptop/ desktop computer, or a tablet/ smartphone, and we can help with the rest. We will be contacting all those we know about who need to update their leadership training in the coming days and weeks.

Information about how to book your place on the course will soon be on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about training, please speak to either Jonathan Whiter via jonathan.whiter@salisbury.anglican.org or Adrian Smale, our Team Administrator on safeguarding.admin@salisbury.anglican.org.

Zoombombing

This is a new phenomenon that has arisen since the start of the lockdown. Around 60 children in the South West were recently subjected to footage of child sex abuse while they were taking part in a fitness class on Zoom. The Zoom call had been hacked by someone who streamed a video of the abuse into the session, in a practice known as 'Zoombombing' and the hacker was able to gain access after the group's login details were published on public internet forums.

This is not an isolated incident, and the NSPCC says there is a worrying pattern of meetings held on Zoom being targeted with footage of child sexual abuse. The charity is urging parents to supervise their children when using Zoom, strongly recommending that conference organisers take steps to secure log-on details and passwords. The National Cyber Security Centre has issued guidance on [how to keep safe when using video conferencing](#), and PC Mag has [further advice](#).

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

IICSA is still continuing its work during the lockdown albeit in a different format. The Truth Project which is linked to the IICSA has recently published some survivor stories, and you may be interested in these. The link is [here](#).