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# **Safeguarding in the Church of England**

## **Recent Changes**



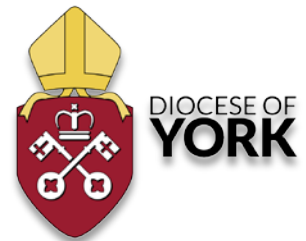
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# **A Changing Landscape**

- **Reality of abuse and the Church not being immune**
- **Taking every step to ensure safety of Children & Vulnerable Adults**
- **House of Bishop's advice in 2016 & new legal expectations**

# **1. DBS & Confidential Declaration Forms**

- All PCC members where there is work with Children &/or Vulnerable Adults**
- All Clergy, Readers, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding reps, RPAs & those in positions of trust with children &/or VAs**
- DBS now portable in the diocese / parish**



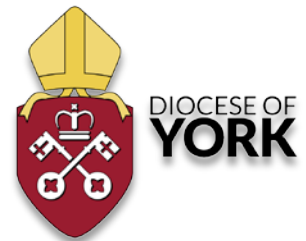
## 2. Training

- **New national curriculum with 5 module and additional specialist modules**
- **All Clergy, Readers, Wardens, PSRs & those in positions of trust with Children &/or VAs are required to attend**
- **No expectation that PCC members are to attend but encouraged to do C0 online**



### **3. 'Due Regard'**

- Applies to all licensed individuals and PCCs as trustees**
- Required to act in line with the House of Bishop's Guidance at all times**
- Annual Report requires statement that 'due regard' has been fulfilled**



## 4. Resources

- **Online DBS system from 1 May**
- **New safeguarding Team – coming soon**
  - **DSA**
  - **Part time Training & Casework Officers**
- **Diocesan Website**

**Please ask :**

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- **Becci Richardson – DBS issues**
- **Peter Warry, Archdeacons**

