

St Leonards, Clent

PCC safeguarding annual report: March 2026

Parochial Church Council Duty

As a PCC we are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In 2025 and going forward in 2026, the PCC use the 'Safeguarding Toolkit' provided in the diocese as a way of self-assessment to ensure fulfilment of its duty.

Currently we have Everyone on the PCC is up to date with their DBS applications and everyone has completed at least their basic training courses and most are up to date on their foundation courses, domestic abuse and safer recruitment training.

We attempted to arrange a face-to-face safeguarding training and domestic abuse training at the start of this year, however due to not having enough attending we have had to postpone. If anyone is still interested in this training or need to participate then please contact either myself or Jenny Moulder to look at arranging either face to face or online. These courses offer a refresher for those that have already completed the course alongside giving others within our church community the opportunity to further their own knowledge and what safeguarding is alongside how they can help.

The safeguarding dashboard is accessed regularly and updates are given to the PCC regarding what needs to be done or signed off. We are at 97% for completion with a couple of tasks waiting for the next PCC meeting to be signed off. This is mainly around risk assessments that are due for renewal. A meeting is to be arranged to ensure these are all completed.

We currently run a children's service as part of the combined parish which happens on the third Sunday of each month. Most Sundays there is an activity for any children to complete during our services however this is an area we are continuing to expand with potentially having a children's youth and family worker position being advertised

An unfortunate data breach happened within the last year being caused by the company we use to apply for DBS certificates. The diocese is currently looking at changing the company we use to ensure that we are better protected. We are looking into a company called thirtyone:eight, this company specialises in church's specifically with safeguarding and help with resources for various services. We are due to change over to the new company in April time, tbc. In the meantime, those who have been affected by the data breach have already been informed.

With Regards

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