

Safeguarding Annual Report

Over the past year it comes to no surprise the safeguarding group has been impacted in terms of getting together and trying to moving forward with plans. However, the excellent work of the team in previous years means we continue to have a culture where the safety and wellbeing for all people and especially children and vulnerable adults is taken seriously.

In 2021 Anne Meredith who had been our Child Safeguarding coordinator for so many years decided it was time to retire from this role. Anne dedicated so much time, knowledge and wisdom to the safeguarding group and all her work over the years has been so much appreciated and the work she has done has been helpful to go forward positively particularly around creating a culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Unfortunately, we were unable to recruit a replacement for her so Revd Wendy has held the role in the interim. This has been less than satisfactory, meaning some things have not been moved forward as they should have been, most notably we are aware our monitoring of safeguarding training for PCC members has been insufficient.

We have adopted using the new national Safeguarding dashboard which has been very helpful in helping us identify where we are on track and which tasks need attention.

We have continued to follow correct policies and procedures ensuring Safer Recruitment is followed for new roles. Emma Smith continues to support by overseeing the DBS application and clearance process.

There were no formal safeguarding incidents to report in 2021 however the Diocesan Safeguarding advisors continue to be helpful whenever we have a query.

Moving forward in 2022, we have two people willing to join the safeguarding team, one to take on the Child Safeguarding role and another to oversee the training schedule. They are currently undergoing the safer recruitment process and we look forward to welcoming them to the team.

Claire Gregson

Adult Safeguarding Officer

Revd Wendy Dalrymple

Interim Child Safeguarding Officer