

Diocese of Portsmouth Parish Safeguarding Officers Network

Terms of Reference FINAL

Purpose of the Network

The Diocese of Portsmouth Parish Safeguarding Officers Network is established to provide a regular forum for support, education and updating for Parish Safeguarding Officers and where relevant their team members.

Objectives

1. To provide an opportunity for PSOs to network together, offering a safe space to build relationships and access and provide support.
2. To hold a regular forum where PSOs and their teams can meet with the diocesan safeguarding team and receive updates on new initiatives and programmes of work.
3. To provide opportunity for diocesan and national church of England safeguarding briefings and updates on policy and guidance matters, and programmes of work.
4. To identify and provide learning sessions on relevant subjects, identified by the PSOs to support their role. This may include sessions by PSOs themselves or by external speakers.
5. To provide opportunity for the sharing of good practice and innovation across the parishes.
6. To consider relevant case studies and learning from a range of local and national safeguarding reviews.
7. To provide a forum where questions and challenges facing PSOs can be addressed e.g. safer recruitment, DBS Disclosures and safeguarding training.
8. To consider together the implications of changing church structures and ensure safeguarding arrangements adapt to reflect these.

Membership

- Diocese of Portsmouth Parish and Cathedral Safeguarding Officers
- Relevant wider safeguarding team members from Parishes
- Diocesan Safeguarding Manager (DSM)
- Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA)
- Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator
- Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer (Facilitator)

Meeting Arrangements

- The forum will be facilitated by the Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer or a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.
 - Forum members will advise the forum facilitator of any agenda items they wish included at least 5 working days before the meeting.
 - Meetings will be held quarterly as follows:
 - January – by Zoom
 - March – by Zoom
 - June – by Zoom
 - September – Conference Day
 - December – TBC
 - The forum facilitator will circulate the meeting slides to all PSOs following each forum meeting. There will be no minutes or action tracker maintained.
 - The forum will provide opportunities for PSOs to meet in smaller groups i.e. clusters or deaneries.
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