

Safeguarding FAQs

Q. Will planned safeguarding training be taking place?

A. In light of the current Government advice in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic, our current training programme has been cancelled until further notice.

For details of any future events or further information, please refer to our Safeguarding Training events page on our website at <https://www.london.anglican.org/events/?category=safeguarding/>.

Q. I am a member of the clergy and my training is out of date, what should I do?

A. We appreciate that for some of you, this will mean that you are not able to renew your safeguarding training within the required three-year period. These are clearly exceptional times and you will therefore still be able to minister during this time. We will ensure that a renewed training programme is available in due course to enable this to take place.

In the meantime, you should ensure that as a minimum, you have completed the C0 and C1 online training modules which are available using the following link to the Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Q. My DBS check requires updating, what should I do?

A. If you're a member of clergy, please try to make your application as normal through your Bishop's area office and they will help you with your application.

If you are a volunteer within the Parish, please contact your Parish DBS checker. They will advise you how to make your application.

Q. I'm concerned my DBS won't be processed in time.

A. We use Thirty-One:Eight as our DBS provider and they have assured us that they have contingency plans in place to continue processing applications at this time. They can be reached at www.thirtyoneeight.org/dbs-service/ or you can call their helpline on 0303 003 1111.

Q. Is my delay due to Thirty-One:Eight or DBS service?

A. We would advise you to look at www.gov.uk website for disclosure and barring service, but please refer to Thirty-One:Eight above to make contact. If there are any delays in the service due to the COVID-19 virus, we urge you to look on their website to see their latest guidance.

Q. I have an urgent safeguarding concern, how do I refer that to you?

A. Safeguarding referrals should continue to be made in the normal way. Please complete a concern form which can be found on our website at this [link](#) and we ask you to return that to our mailbox: safeguarding@london.anglican.org and we'll get back to you. If you need to talk to us about your concern, please see our contact numbers below:

Aileen Stamate: 07753744220

Andrew Munro: 07551873943

Maggie McMahan: 07342035956

Safeguarding Advisors are available usually between 9am and 5pm. If you require help out of hours, please call Thirty-One:Eight on: 0303 003 1111, selecting option 2

If the situation is an emergency and someone is at risk of harm, please call your local authority or Emergency Services on 999 or 101.

Q. I want general information on Safeguarding, where can I look for that on your website?

A. <https://www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding/>