



Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office

Ensuring that Safeguarding is fully integrated into the life of the local Church

Newsletter March 2020

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020.

As I write this communication, we find ourselves in difficult and challenging times and as you know our visit to Parishes and the delivery of training has been postponed until further notice.



The Safeguarding Office staff are currently working from home; however, our phone is diverted and we are able to access emails, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many of you know that we have had a vacancy in our Safeguarding Office, I am pleased to say this position has been filled and we will have a new staff member commencing in the coming weeks.

As a result of the vacancy, Jan and I have been kept very busy. We delivered our first training sessions to Clermont, Blackwater and Biloela.

We were overwhelmed with the welcome and hospitality we received. Thank you to these three communities for your commitment to Safeguarding.

We are in the final stage of our CPSL Audit Report, and we hope to have the Report to share with you in our next Newsletter.

Please look after yourself and each other.

Sincerely

Judy Pidcock
Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



Cultural Safety is “an environment that is safe for people: where there is no assault, challenge or denial of their identity, of who they are and what they need. It is about shared respect, shared meaning, shared knowledge and experience, of learning, living and working together with dignity and truly listening.”⁴ (Williams, R. 2008)

No one should be forced to give up their culture in exchange for another one. Respecting cultural diversity means to appreciate and learn from differences and celebrate and build on similarities and to accept the legitimacy of other cultures.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2020

CLERMONT



BLACKWATER



BILOELA

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