

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Welcome to our spring newsletter. This issue includes various updates, a focus on criminal exploitation and some information from our multi-agency partners. We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our in-person PSO event at St Alkmund's Church, Derby on Saturday 25 June, starting at 9.15am. There are still places available – please book using this link: [Parish Safeguarding Officer Event Tickets, Sat 25 Jun 2022 at 09:15 | Eventbrite](#). We will be discussing various topics, including support for PSOs and safeguarding agreements. We really hope you can join us, but if not, we will be repeating the event over Zoom on 20 September.

Spotlight Criminal exploitation

Criminal exploitation (CE) is the deliberate manipulation or abuse of power and control over another person. It is taking advantage of another person by criminal purposes for personal gain. The exploitation involves victims being controlled by a person or a group and being forced into involvement in crime. In some cases, a person's home can be taken over by a criminal group for criminal activities (known as 'cuckooing'). Other forms of criminal exploitation include modern slavery (such as sexual exploitation, labour exploitation and domestic servitude) and 'County Lines' (victims being forced by criminal gangs to run drugs from urban to rural locations across the UK).

The homeless community, especially young men, can be particularly at risk, as can some refugees. Vulnerable individuals can be approached in homeless shelters and food banks (sometimes connected to churches) with a view to recruiting them to carry out short term work for cash in hand payment. However, this can often evolve into criminal work where the recruiter may use drugs and/or alcohol as a means of control over the victim. People from other countries but now living in the UK can be at particular risk, being forced to commit crimes such as shoplifting and forced begging. You can find more useful information [here](#).

It is important to recognise that both adults and children can be victims of criminal exploitation. Child criminal exploitation (CCE) involves the grooming and exploitation of children into criminal activity, for example being forced to deliver/store drugs, hide weapons and recruit other young people for similar activity. Children who are coerced into criminal activity (if apprehended) can be treated as criminals by statutory agencies because they are committing crimes but many organisations, especially the police, are now trying to view the children involved as victims.

Some signs of criminal exploitation to look out for -

- Unexplained absences, or not engaged in school, college, training, or work
- Regularly going missing from home
- Change in behaviour, e.g., more secretive, withdrawn, or isolated from friends
- Increased interest in making money
- Having multiple mobile phones and/or more calls/texts/pings than usual.

Carers Week 6th-12th June

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who do not think of themselves as having caring responsibilities, to identify as carers and access much-needed support. Thousands of individuals and organisations come together to provide support for carers, run activities, highlight the vital role carers play in our communities and draw attention to the importance of caring. More information can be found [here](#).

Do you know a FRANCES?

You may recall that some time ago we featured the Fire Service CHARLIE campaign about those adults who may be more at risk of fire. A new campaign has now been launched focused on younger people:

Fire fascination
Repeated calls for service
Abuse against animals
No working smoke alarms
Clutter / hoarding
Electric heaters/overloaded sockets
Smoking/alcohol/drug paraphernalia

The FRANCES Fire Service campaign poster can be accessed [here](#). If you know someone who displays one or more of the above characteristics, they may be at more risk of fire and Derbyshire Fire Service can be asked to conduct a Safe and Well Check. You will find more information at: [Safe and Well visits :: Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service \(derbys-fire.gov.uk\)](#). If you need some advice about making a referral, please contact the safeguarding team.

Reflection

In February this year the National Safeguarding Team published a review into the abuse perpetrated by Graham Gregory (GG) across five dioceses during the 30-year period of GG's ministry and retirement. He was found to be a determined and persistent abuser of children, actively seeking out and creating opportunities to harm his victims, abusing his position of trust and cultivating opportunities to perpetrate abuse via the clubs and activities that he organised and ran. The review identified numerous missed opportunities over an extended period of time – the victims and their parents repeatedly sought support and protection but were not listened to at the time. This lack of concern continued for nearly 50 years and included one occasion when GG was moved to another diocese to suppress an allegation.

Whilst it is easy to reassure ourselves that things have moved on and safeguarding is far more embedded in the church, it is still helpful to read and reflect on these cases to remind us of what can happen if we do not remain alert and vigilant. A copy of the report can be found [here](#). Please be aware that the report contains some distressing details.

Training Update

The safeguarding training programme continues to be available for booking through the diocesan safeguarding pages: <https://derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training.html> and Eventbrite. There are a number of courses available and those roles for which attendance is required are detailed on the updated Training Matrix.

We have now introduced **PtO Leadership Training** for clergy and readers with PtO. Only those clergy with a significant role will need to complete the full Leadership training and they will be advised accordingly by Bishop's Office.

Domestic Abuse Awareness training is moving online and can be accessed via the [national training portal](#). We will shortly be circulating some guidance to enable you to facilitate training online in groups in your parishes. The priority remains to ensure all PCC members have completed their Basic Awareness and Foundation modules.

For more information, please check our [website safeguarding pages](#), or email:
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Bank Holiday cover

We continue to partner with Thirtyone:eight to enable you to access safeguarding advice for bank holiday periods throughout the year via their helpline. If you require emergency safeguarding advice over bank holiday weekends, please contact the helpline on 0303 003 1111. Further details can be found [here](#).