

# **PARISH SAFEGUARDING AND DISCLOSURE OFFICER AUDIT**

Findings from the 2022 audit



# PARTICIPATION

- 126 people participated
- 97 PSO's
- 29 PDO's
  
- This is out of
- 311 PSO's
- 162 PDO's
  
- Approximately 27% response to audit



# ARCHDEACONRIES

- Canterbury = 60
- Maidstone = 40
- Ashford = 26



# LENGTH OF TIME IN ROLE

- The average length of time in role was 6 years
- Range from a few months to 20 years+
- Collectively those completing the questionnaire had more than 800 years experience in the role



# SAFEGUARDING WORK

- 80 of the 126 people participating in the audit had a background in safeguarding
- Around 63%
- Participants rated on average a score of 3.8 regarding how their previous experience had prepared them for their role
- **The extent to which previous experience in safeguarding has prepared them for the role**
- The average rating was 3.8



# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

- 48 people participating chose not to answer this question (38%)
- 49% stated their training was up to date
- 16 stated their training was overdue
- With regard to how helpful the training has prepared them for their role – the average rating was 3.96



# PARISH / BENEFICE

- The average number of churches per parish / benefice was 3.4
- A total of 426 churches were being overseen by the 126 PSO/DBOs participating
- The range was from 1 to 9
- 15% of the parishes / benefices were in interregnum



# ITEM ON PCC AGENDAS?

- All but 7 participants responded Yes
- 96.5%





# SAFEGUARDING ISSUE?

- Participants were asked to rate out of 5 (0= no confidence / 5 = full confidence)
- The average rating was 3.84 (7.68 out of 10)
- The lowest rating given was 1
- 74% of responses were rated 4 or 5



# SUPPORT IN ROLE

- **Provision of resources / equipment / software**
  - The average rating was 3.63
- **Support in their role**
  - This question was a simple yes or no
  - 99.2% felt supported in their role
  - Only 1 participant felt they were not
- **How easy is it to get advice from the diocesan safeguarding team**
  - The average rating was 4.42
  - PDOs average was 4.48

