



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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Culture, Leadership and Capacity

Prevention

Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk

Victims and Survivors

Learning, Supervision and Support

# Safeguarding in the Diocese of Canterbury

Annual Safeguarding Conference -  
280

Parish Safeguarding Networking - 110

Leadership Training (inc. PTO) for 2025  
– 33 – 329 - 29

Leadership Training (inc. PTO) offer  
2026- 33

Referrals – 20 over 4 weeks on  
average -

# Dashboard progress per Deanery

47

## Ashford Deanery

47% progress for parishes in this deanery

70

## Dover Deanery

70% progress for parishes in this deanery

70

## Elham Deanery

70% progress for parishes in this deanery

43

## Romney Deanery

43% progress for parishes in this deanery

55

## Sandwich Deanery

55% progress for parishes in this deanery

42

## Vineyard Deanery

42% progress for parishes in this deanery

64

## Canterbury Deanery

64% progress for parishes in this deanery

62

## East Bridge Deanery

62% progress for parishes in this deanery

65

## Reculver Deanery

65% progress for parishes in this deanery

36

## Stour Valley Deanery

36% progress for parishes in this deanery

49

## Thanet Deanery

49% progress for parishes in this deanery

34

## Maidstone Deanery

34% progress for parishes in this deanery

66

## North Downs Deanery

66% progress for parishes in this deanery

55

## Ospringe Deanery

55% progress for parishes in this deanery

38

## Sittingbourne Deanery

38% progress for parishes in this deanery

49

## Weald Deanery

49% progress for parishes in this deanery



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Make a Referral



Contact the  
Safeguarding Team



Our Ethos



Events



Parish Resources  
(including Training)



Caring for  
Survivors



Reports  
and Reviews



Further Help

# Website refresh

# Ongoing Local Support

Event	Dates	Location	Times
Parish Safeguarding Networking meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> May, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 8 <sup>th</sup> October	On-line	7pm – 8.30pm
Archdeaconry Drop-Ins	18 <sup>th</sup> March 29 <sup>th</sup> April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 24 <sup>th</sup> September 7 <sup>th</sup> October 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Mildred's Tenterden Folkestone Seasalter Christian Centre Maidstone Archdeaconry - unconfirmed St Peter's Thanet Maidstone Archdeaconry - unconfirmed	10am – 2pm
On-line Drop in's	TBC		
Deanery Synods	TBC		

## Wider learning for the sector

These cases highlight lessons for all charities well beyond the Church of England, especially other faith charities. Specifically, the Commission would highlight:

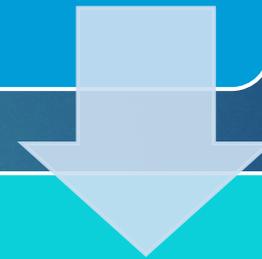
- the need for safeguarding procedures and processes to be properly understood by all those who may receive reports of allegations, reinforced with regular training and an organisational commitment to continual learning and improvement
- the need for appropriate reporting mechanisms to appraise the whole trustee body when safeguarding allegations are made (even if some details are kept confidential), to ensure trustees can fulfil their legal duties and assure themselves that the right steps are being taken to manage any safeguarding or other risks
- the need for particular care and attention by trustees and charity leaders in handling allegations related to individuals in positions of power or influence, including spiritual influence. Trustees should be aware of the risks of individuals abusing positions of trust they hold within a charity - as reflected in the Commission's safeguarding guidance - including by virtue of holding a religious leadership position.

Charity  
Commission  
Formal Warming  
– Diocese of  
Liverpool and  
Chelmsford,  
January 2026

# National Safeguarding

## New Learning and Development Framework

- Refresh of modules from April 2026
- Different Pathways based on role



## Safer Recruitment

- Renewal of Confidential Declaration Forms when DBS checks are being renewed. June 2026

# Reminder

## Audit 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>

### November 2026

- ▶ Reminders Preparation for Audit
  - ▶ We want to hear good news stories
  - ▶ Reminder Longitudinal Training audit
- ▶ Request for participation in surveys and questionnaires from August 2026 to beginning September 2026.
- ▶ Focus groups likely to be online between 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October - will include those at parish level
- ▶ Probable parish site visit during the week of the audit.

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**INEQE**  
SAFEGUARDING GROUP

**T H A N K   Y O U**

A photograph of wooden blocks spelling out 'THANK YOU' on a wooden plank. The blocks are light-colored wood with dark, bold letters. The plank is resting on a dark blue surface. The background is a blurred green and yellow bokeh.