

This year I have no safeguarding incidents to report. However this does not mean that nothing has happened.

As a PCC we maintain our highest level on the Parish Dashboard at 82% complete.

Thank you to everyone who has completed all their training. We still have one or two who need to complete the domestic abuse training and I am confident that this will happen soon.

Both Rev Patterson and myself completed the leadership safeguarding training over Christmas and received our certificates of completion.

As part of this we had to come up with a plan for the future. The first part has already been put into practice with safeguarding information being included in the weekly pew sheets. We are also planning a safeguarding Sunday and welcome any community involvement in this. The date is not yet finalised but will probably be in November.

We also plan to have an evening with the PCC where there will be a presentation on domestic abuse.

As we look to recruit new members to the PCC I will take this opportunity to remind everyone about the safer recruitment procedures and to let anyone thinking of joining us of the training requirements of the role, that is completion of the basic awareness and foundation safeguarding training and of the domestic abuse training both of which should be updated every 3 years.