

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

ST ANDREW'S, OMBERSLEY AGM 2017

“The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In 2017 the PCC will be using the “Safeguarding Toolkit” provided in the diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure it fulfils that duty.”

All those who work with children – chiefly through Open the Book – have DBS checks and the necessary Basic Awareness Training. The most recent version of this training ensures that people develop an awareness of what might constitute a safeguarding concern when working with children and/or vulnerable adults. There are no DBS checks currently for those who may work with vulnerable adults.

The self-assessment last year raised 2 issues to be discussed at PCC. One of these was whether to have a children's advocate. It is advised that an advocate is not personally known to the children. Thus it was decided that in St Andrew's this was well-nigh impossible and probably not currently necessary.

The other issue was that of Safer Recruitment. This has not yet been discussed – and should be raised at the July meeting of the PCC along with the review of the policy.