



PCC Members

PCC members are eligible for a DBS check, complete a Confidential Declaration Form and two references (ideally externally) should be requested for each member.

In relation to Safeguarding Training – PCC members should complete the first two levels (Basic & Foundation). Leadership training is no longer compulsory but is advocated as good practice if members have time/capacity to complete.

Additionally, since 2021, they are now also required to complete the online Domestic Abuse training.

All training is on a three-year renewal cycle.

Under the Charity Commission legislation, PCC members are viewed as trustees and members should make themselves familiar with those accountabilities. The attached YouTube link summaries those key roles and responsibilities <https://www.youtube.com/thecharitycommission>.

The Parish PCC responsibilities are outlined below. It is important the PCC oversight of the Parish Safeguarding Checklist, and support the Incumbent & PSO.

PCC Responsibilities

- Has the PCC adopted all House of Bishops safeguarding policies?
- Has the PCC appointed a Parish Safeguarding Officer?
- Is safeguarding a standing item, on the agenda of each PCC meeting? And does the PCC report on safeguarding to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting?
- Are all church officers aware of safeguarding policy and guidance and trained appropriately for their role?
- Have all children and adult leaders/volunteers been recruited safely, and do they have DBS checks?
- Is there adequate insurance cover for all activities involving children or adults undertaken in the name of the parish?
- Is all relevant safeguarding information displayed in church and on the parish website (including a formal statement regarding safeguarding policy, contact details for the PSO and DSA)?
- Is there an appropriate procedure in place to deal with safeguarding concerns or allegations?
- Have risk assessments been completed for all activities associated with children or vulnerable adults run in the name of the church?