

St James Fuerteventura Safeguarding Annual General Meeting Report

28th Feb 2022

‘The Diocese in Europe promotes Safer Churches as part of our commitment to the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults’.

St James Chaplaincy Council Safeguarding Responsibility

In June 2021 the following statement was issued in the Safeguarding Report.

All Chaplaincy Council Members have a responsibility to ensure that St James Fuerteventura is a safe place for Children and Vulnerable Adults. This requires everyone to have undertaken the Diocese in Europe Safeguarding Training and to be familiar with the St James Safeguarding policies and procedures which can be found on the church website under Safeguarding and Data Protection.

It is important that everyone is aware of the Safeguarding agenda and takes time to become familiar with it. This will enable any Chaplaincy Council member to feel competent and confident to deal with a Safeguarding issue and the necessary steps to take in addressing the issues.

All Chaplaincy Council and Church Officers have demonstrated a commitment to their responsibility to this important area of Chaplaincy Life.

Current Safeguarding Issues or Concerns

Since the last report there have been no new Safeguarding issues raised.

Appointment Of Safeguarding Officer

A vacancy had arisen in 2021 for the Safeguarding Officer role in the chaplaincy. Derek Brough was nominated and approved by the Chaplaincy Council as the new Safeguarding Officer subject to the completion of satisfactory DBS paperwork. All paperwork has been completed and Derek is now the Safeguarding Officer

A Review of Disclosure and Barring Requirements

A review was undertaken of the Disclosure and Barring requirements for roles within the Chaplaincy.

English and Spanish Disclosure checks have now completed for the Warden and Safeguarding Officer roles to ensure compliance with Diocesan Safeguarding standards.

Disclosure checks have been completed for all other posts requiring them. For information they are the Chaplain, Lay Reader and Worship Leader roles.

The Chaplaincy Lay Reader in training Renewal Paperwork also has been completed.

There are now no outstanding DBS checks within the Chaplaincy.

Chaplaincy Council Safeguarding Training

It is Diocesan Safeguarding requirement that all Chaplaincy Council members complete the On-line Safeguarding Training at Level 1 and Level 2 and other church officers complete Level 3 training.

A review of the Training Plan showed that Safeguarding Training renewals were pending for some Chaplaincy Council members and training was required for new Chaplaincy Council members.

Basic Safeguarding Training (Level 0) has been completed by all Chaplaincy Council members. Enrolment to the level 1 and 2 training is a work in progress because of the availability of Diocesan Training places and dates. This matter will remain under review until the Chaplaincy has been able to complete all required training.

Chaplaincy Council members and Officers have sent copies of their Safeguarding certificates to the Safeguarding Office for inclusion in the Chaplaincy Safeguarding Records.

Safeguarding Sunday

The Chaplaincy participated in the Safeguarding Sunday initiative. The theme for the service was Safeguarding. The Safeguarding Officer was able to use the sermon slot to explore Safeguarding issues and to highlight that everyone needed to be watchful for Safeguarding issues and what to do if they became aware of any areas of concern.

St James Safeguarding Policy and Procedure Training

A reminder should a Safeguarding issue occur then refer to the website and consult with the Chaplain or the Safeguarding Officer.

Training on the Safeguarding policies and procedures will be available in the Autumn.

Derek Brough

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