

PCC DBS & Safeguarding Training

Enhanced or basic DBS?

A PCC member is only eligible for an enhanced adult and/or child workforce check (without barring lists check) if the PCC approves activities aimed specifically at children and/or vulnerable adults in the church's name. This is because the PCC is classed as a children's/vulnerable adult charity and the PCC members are trustees.

The Charity Commissions guidance states that you should always get an enhanced check from the DBS when a role is eligible for one and we strongly recommend that PCCs who are eligible for an enhanced level of DBS check should apply for these.

A PCC member is only eligible for a basic DBS check if the church does not run activities aimed specifically at children or vulnerable adults in the church's name. It is not mandatory to DBS check PCC members who are only eligible for a Basic DBS check, however, the diocese will support the local decision to carry out basic DBS checks for PCC members if this is deemed appropriate for the parish.

Training

PCC members are required to undertake the basic and foundation safeguarding training through the online C of E portal.

It is best practice for PCC members to undertake the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse online training via the C of E portal, but it is not mandatory.

Churchwardens DBS & Safeguarding Training

Enhance or Basic DBS?

Churchwardens are ex officio members of the PCC and so, if the PCC qualifies as a children's/vulnerable adult charity, the churchwarden will be eligible for the same level of check (enhanced check of the relevant workforce without barring information).

Training

Churchwardens must undertake the basic and Foundation online safeguarding training via the C of E online portal.

We Strongly recommend that Churchwardens undertake Leadership training which can be booked via the Diocesan Events calendar: [Events & training - Bath and Wells Diocese](#)

It is best practice for Churchwardens to undertake the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse online training via the C of E portal, but it is not mandatory.

