 11th February 2022

“Safeguarding Training Update”

Dear all,

I wanted to keep you updated with some incoming changes to our training provision. Sadly, our current Trainer Emma Parslow has decided to step away from her role to spend more time with her family and will be leaving us on 7 March. Due to the large amount of training, we are committed to delivering over the next few months and the fact recruitment can take between 3 and 6 months I have made the decision to ask Cameron McConnell to extend his contract with us and step into that role for the rest of the year whilst we plan and undertake a rigorous recruitment campaign. For anyone who may be interested in this exciting opportunity we are planning to advertise in the summer. I’m delighted to be able ask Cameron to step into the training role and his warmth, humor, and vast experience in the field of safeguarding will make a huge contribution to our training provision. We thank Emma for her efforts and wish her well. I know Emma was a popular trainer of our Leadership Training in particular.

Regarding delivery of training, I’m pleased to announce that from May we will largely be bringing back face to face training for modules that have been designed to be delivered that way. We have a brilliant resource here with Flourish House and I’m excited to be able to invite you all here to undertake a variety of courses. Whilst our training will predominantly be based at Flourish House, where there is a need to deliver training in a different way and numbers allow, we will consider all reasonable requests. This may, for example, be to deliver to a large group in a remote part of the diocese. We will shortly be adding dates to our website and details of who to contact to book are detailed below. I have also attached our newly released dates from May through to the end of July to today’s communication. Whilst we have committed to delivering a large number of courses, we also need to ensure that the sessions are full and as such dates will be subject to change where participant numbers are low.

Safeguarding Leadership Training

We are looking to run up to 8 of these courses a month of which most will be in person at Flourish House. We will also offer a few virtual courses for those who need evening provision or who may still need to isolate due to Covid 19. The in-person courses will now involve completing session 1 and 2 together on the same day (with a break in between) to save time and money commuting. Evening courses will remain as two separate sessions as they start at 7pm. If you would like to book onto a leadership course, please contact samantha.gunning@bathwells.anglican.org . We will book you onto the next available course or course that you are available for. It is important due to our limited resource that we fill up our sessions and as such where we are struggling to fill a particular session, we may need to move people to subsequent ones, but we will only do this where it’s really necessary.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Induction

This will from May be run as a face-to-face training session at Flourish House. We hope this will enable it to be more interactive and offer the opportunity to involve more members of the Safeguarding Team. For example, to have more input around safer recruitment and safeguarding casework. We hope depending on demand to run 2 sessions a month. Please contact samantha.gunning@bathwells.anglican.org to secure your place.

Permission to Officiate Training

Demand for this course has been very low thus far but we aim to deliver this in person at Flourish House from May on a monthly basis. Please contact samantha.gunning@bathwells.anglican.org to secure your place.

Leadership Training for Tower Captains

We aim to put together bespoke leadership training sessions for those undertaking this role and requiring it. These will take place in the second half of the year across two different locations in the diocese. Please keep checking our website and my monthly updates for further information.

Train the Trainer

Due to the feedback, I have received about a desire to deliver some of the online courses face to face we will be offering six sessions of Train the Trainer. This will be a session to support PSOs in being able to deliver the online safeguarding material in person especially in those areas where internet use is an issue or where people have expressed a desire to engage in the sensitive area of domestic abuse awareness in a more therapeutic way.

I hope thus update was useful and that a commitment to delivering most of our training in person is something that will be appreciated across the diocese. We will continue to find ways of being creative with what we produce to meet everyone’s needs moving forward so any ideas or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

 Best wishes

Ben Goodhind

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