**Safeguarding Scenarios for PCCs**

**Scenario 1 - Emma**

**After a Sunday service, Emma, a 40-year-old church member, approaches James, a Church Warden. She appears distressed and asks to speak privately. Her husband Mark is the Parish Safeguarding Officer for the church. In the quiet of the office, Emma tells James that she has been experiencing domestic abuse from her husband, for the past five years. She describes incidents of physical violence, emotional manipulation, and financial control. Emma is particularly worried about the impact on their 12-year-old daughter, Lily, who has become increasingly withdrawn and anxious.**

What should James say to Emma?

What is/are the safeguarding concerns?

What should James do next?

What action should be taken?

What are the key points for the PCC?

**Key Points for PCC:**

* The role of the church in providing a safe space for disclosures.
* Importance of immediate and compassionate response.
* Collaboration with diocesan safeguarding teams and support services.
* Ongoing pastoral care and support for victims and their families.

**Scenario 2 - Jane**

**During a weekday coffee morning, Jane, a concerned church member, approaches Reverend Thomas with a heavy heart. She shares her worries about her neighbour’s child, 7-year-old Ben. Jane has noticed that Ben often appears unkempt, hungry, and is frequently left unsupervised. She has also heard loud arguments and crying from the house next door. Jane is deeply troubled and feels compelled to act but is unsure how to proceed.**

What should Thomas say to Jane?

What is/are the safeguarding concerns?

What should Thomas do next?

What action should be taken?

What are the key points for the PCC?

**Key Points for PCC:**

* The church's role in identifying and reporting child neglect.
* Importance of a compassionate and immediate response.
* Collaboration with safeguarding teams and other agencies.
* Providing holistic support to the child and family.

**Scenario 3 - Michael**

**After a community event at the church, Michael, a long-time church member, approaches Reverend Sarah with a concern. He shares his worries about his neighbours, a recently retired couple who have just moved from Rhodesia to the village. Michael has observed that two other individuals, a young black couple in their late teens, also seem to be living in the family's home. They appear fearful and withdrawn and reluctant to talk to him at all, and Michael has also noticed that they rarely leave the property and only then, if accompanied by the elderly couple.**

What should Sarah say to Michael?

What is/are the safeguarding concerns?

What should Sarah do next?

What action should be taken?

What are the key points for the PCC?

**Key Points for PCC:**

* The church's role in identifying and reporting modern day slavery.
* Importance of a swift and compassionate response.
* Collaboration with safeguarding teams, law enforcement, and support services.
* Providing ongoing pastoral care and community support for victims.

**Scenario 4: Mrs Thompson**

**During a weekly Bible study group, several church members notice that Mr. Thompson, an 82-year-old long-time attendee, has become increasingly forgetful and confused. He often repeats questions, struggles to follow conversations, and sometimes appears disoriented. Mrs. Green, who hosts the group, is very concerned.**

What should Mrs Green do?

What is/are the safeguarding concerns?

What action should be taken?

What are the key points for the PCC?

**Key Points for PCC:**

* The church's role in identifying and supporting members with dementia.
* Importance of a compassionate and proactive response.
* Collaboration with safeguarding teams and adult social services.
* Providing ongoing pastoral care and community support