

Deaneries of Jersey and Guernsey

PCR2 Publication

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Today the Deaneries of Jersey and Guernsey received the publication of the Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) national report on the Church of England, along with feedback from their local PCR2 inspection.

Throughout this review, the deaneries have cooperated fully with the independent reviewers, who were given free access to all relevant files and documentation.

As a result of the PCR2 process, a number of recommendations have been made, some of which are national, and others are specific to the local context.

The [Deanery of Jersey](#) and [Deanery of Guernsey](#) have published their local report in full on their website, along with an Executive Summary.

The Very Revd Michael Keirle, The Dean of Jersey, said,

“This has been a very thorough safeguarding review of past cases in Jersey. We are committed to creating a formal victim/survivor strategy that ensures ongoing support for anyone who has been affected by abuse in the past. As a Deanery team, we remain committed to making our churches as safe as possible, with safeguarding officers in every church, appropriate training for all those who come into contact with children and vulnerable people, and robust processes in place so that we may maintain good practice, as well as working in partnership with Jersey Safeguarding Partnership Board.”

The Very Revd Tim Barker, The Dean of Guernsey, said,

“Past failures to provide good safeguarding practice have caused damage to individuals. That is why we in the Deanery of Guernsey are committed to the provision of safeguarding officers in every parish, and to provide regular and appropriate training and support for all who work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. I welcome the review of past cases in Guernsey, and our renewed commitment to work with both victims/survivors and the statutory and voluntary organisations in Guernsey, so that we can implement the best possible practice and ensure that our churches are safe places for all.”

The deaneries are continuing to strive for excellence in all aspects of safeguarding.

Jem Carter, Salisbury Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, who supports the Channel Islands, said,

“We look to continually improve our response to safeguarding incidents, and even before these reports were made public, significant changes have already been made to the way concerns of this nature are now responded to. A key area we have focused on is improving our support to victims and survivors of abuse – who must sit at the very heart of all we do”.

The Diocese of Salisbury is responding positively to the reviewers' recommendations and changes implemented by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team so far include:

Commissioned a dedicated Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) who can assist victims and survivors of abuse from within the Church setting. The diocese is one of only three dioceses in England to have commissioned such a resource, and it is committed to providing a high-quality, trauma-informed response to victims and survivors who raise concerns.

Appointed two Safeguarding Advisers, who have considerable professional experience in the safeguarding arena, which has increased hours of operation – doubling capacity.

Became an early adopter of the Church of England's new National Safeguarding Case Management System (NSCMS). This has ensured a more comprehensive and joined-up approach to record keeping.

A participant in the National Safeguarding Team's 'Pathfinder' initiative, which aims to provide improved oversight of casework, a dedicated performance framework around safeguarding, and the introduction of 'Regional Advisers' from the National Safeguarding Team. This will ensure that responses to safeguarding incidents are professional and of the highest quality.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, said,

“The Diocese of Salisbury acknowledges that their handling of past safeguarding cases has, on occasion, not always been as effective as it should have been. This is a regret, and the diocese apologises for any pain it may have caused to victims, survivors, and all those involved.”

If you've been affected by any of the issues featured in the review, or you have a concern regarding a safeguarding issue, [support is available here](#).

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The process of reviewing cases for PCR2 commenced in 2019. The full PCR2 report was completed prior to Bishop Nicholas' retirement, to whom the Executive Summary refers to, and prior to the appointment of the current Bishop of Salisbury, The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, who was appointed in 2022.