

## **Appendix C : Communication concerning Past Case Review 2 (PCR2)**

***(Posted on the Diocesan Website 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and which can be adapted by Parishes for use on their website/s, Facebook, Parish newsletters, Pew Sheets, Notice Board etc.)***

The Church of England is undertaking a second review of files held in all dioceses and parishes to ensure that churches and church related activities are as safe as possible for children and vulnerable adults.

Known as the Past Cases Review 2, it aims to identify both good practice and institutional failings in the way that allegations of abuse have been handled in the past. It will also provide recommendations on how practice and processes can be improved.

All Parishes in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham are obliged to submit relevant information for the review. Parishes have been asked to check back through their parish records to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations involving clergy or church officers have been reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA). In parishes without a priest, the churchwardens will complete the review supported by the Area Dean.

Preparation for PCR2 is already underway as it needs to be completed by the end of 2020

Barry Earnshaw, Independent Chair to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP), will work with independent case reviewers to scrutinise the files to make sure all cases have been dealt with appropriately.

Individuals who wish to make representations to the PCR2 process, or who need to come forward with information, or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with [the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser \(DSA\) on 01636 817200](#) or email [safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org)

However, recognising that for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the church may not feel comfortable, a dedicated telephone helpline - **0800 80 20 20** - operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, has been set up. Anyone can use the helpline to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England; whether they are reporting issues relating to children, adults or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice.

### **PCR2 - a national programme**

Every other Diocese in the Church of England is undertaking a similar review. The previous past cases review, carried out in 2007, looked at safeguarding complaints made against clergy in relation to children. PCR2 is much broader in scope and will look at all safeguarding complaints made against clergy and church officials relating to children and adults, including domestic abuse.