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Diocese of Lincoln Safeguarding Conference 2025

**Booking
essential**

**Saturday
4th October
9.30am-3pm**

**Guest
Speakers**

**Riseholme College - Showground Campus,
Horncastle Lane, North Carlton, LN1 2ZR**

What to expect:

- Welcome refreshments
- Network over coffee
- Stalls with information from external organisations
- Lincolnshire buffet for lunch
- Key note addresses on topics relevant to our church



Limited availability. Scan to book or

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Thank you for your continued commitment to safeguarding. Parish referrals into our department continue to grow. It is a true testament to your work.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind those that wait until a Friday to make contact that this leaves minimal time for our team to manage the information in the timely manner that it deserves ahead of the weekend. If anything is on your mind, please do check this out with us at the earliest point in the week. If there is an incident earlier in the week and you want to get some advice or report your concern, please call as soon as possible.

Thank you

Policy Updates from the National Safeguarding Team

IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATES - June 2025

By agreement with the National Safeguarding Steering Group, please be aware the following documents have been removed from the website as they have now been superseded by new House of Bishop's Guidance as well as Safeguarding Codes of Practice, and are no longer to be used:

- *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*
- *Protecting all God's Children (2019)*
- *Promoting a Safe Church (2006)*

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook (PSH) is now out of date and does not accurately reference current guidance and codes of practice. All safeguarding policies have been updated and are available in the [e-manual](#), which should be the first port of call for anyone seeking clarity in relation to a safeguarding action. We would also recommend for those using the Safeguarding Dashboard that there are helpful links to relevant policies and key actions notes against actions. It is important to note that removal of the PSH does not change practice in any way. The PSH is in the process of being replaced by the Parish Safeguarding Toolkit, and Promoting A Safer Church will be revised by the end of the year.

Is your website up to date?

Check your contact details, links, details for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and your Parish Safeguarding Officer. How do people know who this is if the website just says 'Talk to the safeguarding officer'? Do you have documents for people to download? Is the correct contact information on the document?

Have you updated your 'A Church Near You' safeguarding information?



How often do I need to renew my training?

Core modules (Basic Awareness, Foundation, Leadership) - in order, complete all that are required and then renew just the highest certificate every 3 years.

Additional modules (Safer Recruitment, Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse) - renew each certificate every 3 years.

Please email [Safeguarding Training](#) if you're unsure.

*Reminder emails have gone out recently from the Safeguarding Training Portal asking people to renew training. You only need to renew the highest **Core** certificate for your role and any **Additional** module certificates.*

[2025 Training requirements here](#)

Safeguarding Leadership (C2)

2025 September to December courses are now available to book!

[Leadership \(C2\) Course Dates](#)

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Have you looked at the PSO webpage on the Diocesan website yet? What else would you like to see on there?

[Click Here!](#)

In-person training events

Group sessions are available for Basic Awareness (C0), Foundation (C1) and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse. All you need is a venue with facilities, pews or comfortable chairs and 10+people!

Struggling for people? Consider joining forces with another church.

Get in touch with [Safeguarding Training](#) to discuss this further and book.

Contacts

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Weblinks

Safeguarding Training Portal:

[Safeguarding Training Portal Website](#)

Further Support Resources:

[Parish Resources](#)

Diocesan Website:

[Parish Safeguarding Officer Role Page](#)

Save me for your next PCC meeting

Safeguarding Topic of Interest

Financial Abuse

What is financial abuse?

If someone is misusing your money or stealing from you – or you're worried that this is happening to someone else – this could be financial abuse. There are signs to look out for and there's support available.

Financial abuse can include:

- *money being stolen or misused*
- *fraud*
- *exploiting someone's financial affairs*
- *restricting someone's access to money, employment or possessions*
- *pressuring and coercing someone about their will, lasting power of attorney, property or inheritance.*

Signs of financial abuse

While financial abuse can look very different for different people, there are signs of financial abuse you can look out for, either in your own life or if you're worried about a friend, relative or neighbour.

Think about the answers to the following questions:

- *Have you noticed unusual or inappropriate transactions on your bank statements?*
- *Are you unable to access cash, either via banking or income sources, such as your pension or other benefits?*
- *Are you being pressured into giving your money to others, leaving you without the money you need to pay for essentials?*
- *Have you recently lost money without any explanation?*
- *Have you lent money to someone and they haven't given it back?*
- *Do you feel pressured or forced into making changes to your will or other financial plans?*

While this list isn't exhaustive, these are some of the most common signs that someone may be experiencing financial abuse.

Source - [Information from the Age UK website. Please visit it here for more information or support](#)

