

SAFEGUARDING REPORT (St George's Church-BCN and Andorra)

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Report by Josephine Deelman, Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer

PRE-AMBLE

The leaders of St George's Church (Barcelona and Andorra) are serious about caring for our people, and upholding good safeguarding practices. We want to ensure that vulnerable people are protected from abuse. The care and protection of children, young people (14-17) and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of the whole church - that means **each one of us**, not **just** the leaders. We will not allow abuse to occur 'in secret'.

Remember, also, that each one of us can become vulnerable at any time due to life's unpredictable circumstances. **Vulnerable adults** can include those with any type of disability or fragility. **Abuse** can come in all sorts of obvious, and not-so-obvious, forms.... including: neglect, domestic abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial or material abuse, modern slavery, psychological or emotional abuse, self-neglect, discriminatory abuse, organisation or institutional abuse, coercive control, spiritual abuse.

SUMMARY - the state of Safeguarding at St George's Church at the moment

1. Raising Awareness

Josephine has prepared summary information about safeguarding; and a short video is being made.

- ✓ Information is on our noticeboard and website, including contact numbers.

EVERY PERSON at church is encouraged to do the C0 Basic Awareness online training as it affects all of us, whether we are at church or not. If you haven't got a computer, we can arrange a session.

- We have over 100 attendees, but only about 10 people have done the training so far...

2. For People in Responsible Roles

People holding responsible roles, or roles involving vulnerable people, are asked to do further training (C1 and, perhaps C2 also), and also safeguarding (police) checks. Each one also needs to fill out a Confidential Declaration Form (CDF). Please contact Josephine if you're not sure what to do.

- 27 people need to complete the training; 6 have completed their required training level
- 4 people need to do safeguarding checks
- 17 people need to fill in the CDF (questionnaire)

3. Forming policies

Josephine, Rev. John and the Church Council are working on these, for example doing a regular Risk Assessment for our physical premises, and also evaluating how we do activities in order to ensure vulnerable people are safe. A group of Safeguarding Officers in Spain also now exists for support.

4. Reporting Concerns and/or Allegations

We have **NO REPORTED** concerns or allegations. We thank God for this.

Remember, when we aren't aware of how possible abuse looks, we might miss it. We assure you that we are open to ANY expression of concern - as the cliché rightly says, "Better safe than sorry!"

- Remember that if you are concerned about a person who may give indications of possible abuse, speak with Josephine, the Chaplain or a Church Warden (or with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team directly). Any concern will be treated seriously, with respect, and be acted upon as appropriate and with your full consent.

❖ Please read: St George's "Safeguarding Intro INFO Sheet" and "Safeguarding Policy" - on our noticeboard and on our Website.

❖ Training course explanations:

<https://europe.anglican.org/safeguarding/online-training>

❖ For concerns/questions: Josephine Deelman
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