

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF LUXEMBOURG

Safeguarding Officer's AGM Report 2015 - 2016

I was appointed to the role of Safeguarding Officer in October 2015, replacing Hilary Cole who was about to return to the UK. As she handed over her files to me, I was happy to learn that in the time she had fulfilled this role she had not had to deal with a single case of child abuse and that her supervision had concerned mainly 'Health and Safety' issues.

My role consists principally of ensuring that individuals working with children, young persons and adults who may be vulnerable, in the course of our Church activities, have undergone the required

- Identity checks
- Safeguarding checks
- Training

Our Diocese first issued a formal policy on this matter in 2012 and, continuing to develop its approach, published its finalised Diocesan Safeguarding Protocol in December 2015. The document presents very clearly the Chaplaincy and individual responsibilities in this area. All Chaplaincies must, without exception, comply with the provisions of this Protocol. A formal audit of the implementation of the policy is scheduled to be carried out for the Diocese in Europe during 2017 and thereafter every five years. The Church of England has already appointed independent inspectors to the task.

Safeguarding Training Day - 24 October 2015

- 24 people in key positions in our Church attended the full day's training delivered by Ian Carter, the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager;
- Apart from providing information to those currently involved in working with children the course aimed to raise awareness across all sections of our Church Community of the importance of Safeguarding and the increased measures which the Church of England had adopted to ensure the safety of all vulnerable groups we minister to.

Online Training

- Two online trainings are now up and running: Child Safeguarding and Adult Safeguarding;
- These trainings are obligatory for individuals working with vulnerable groups but are also accessible to anyone else who may be interested and I would encourage everyone to take a look at this material.

For further information on any of the above, please consult the following website:

<http://europe.anglican.org/what-we-do/safeguarding>

Moir Hogg