

FAQs – Past Cases Review 2

1. *What is the Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2)?*

PCR2 is a review of personnel and safeguarding files conducted by independent reviewers in each Diocese which looks at safeguarding matters relating to children and vulnerable adults where there is a disclosure, allegation or concern about a church officer.

2. *What does my parish/church setting have to do?*

There is a separate sheet setting this out on one page.

3. *What do we do if we find a new case?*

Follow the normal procedure and alert the DSA within 24 hours.

4. *We are worried that we don't have any proof of the safeguarding disclosure, concern or allegation. What should we do?*

There is no expectation that you will have proof. It is not the role of the parish to investigate any concerns. All matters involving church officers must be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, who will respond appropriately and proportionately to all information received.

5. *We know another parish is likely to report the same matter. What do we do?*

If the person concerned was a church officer in your parish then you should report the matter anyway. It is helpful if you indicate that you believe another parish was involved. This will help the DSA to ensure that multiple reports about the same person are picked up.

6. *What happens after we send in our return? Will the reviewers want to see any parish files?*

Returns from parishes will be collated and checked against the DSA's list of known cases, which may need to be updated. This list will be provided to the Independent Reviewers, who will be working on reviewing files during May, June and July. They will only want to see parish files which contain information about allegations, concerns and/or disclosures about church officers, where the information held is not already in the possession of the Diocese.

7. *Where can we get help and advice?*

- General information about PCR2 in the Diocese of Leicester is available here: leicester.anglican.org/pcr2
- You can call Julie Foulds, the Safeguarding Administrator, 0116 26 5360 and she will arrange for somebody to call you back if she is not able to answer your question herself.

8. *We are in vacancy. What do we do?*

There is a plan in place for parishes which are in vacancy. You will be contacted by the Archdeacon or Area Dean.

9. What role do survivors of abuse have to play?

PCR2 is being publicised so that survivors can approach the Independent Reviewers to tell their stories. An organization called Quetzal is providing a survivor perspective on the Reference Group which is supporting PCR2 in this Diocese. Survivors may also choose to approach their local church or priest. If this happens you should follow the normal procedure for dealing with any disclosure of abuse.

10. I find this very difficult. Where can I get support?

- If you yourself are a survivor of abuse, you can contact the DSA, Rachael Spiers, on 0116 261 5341. Alternatively you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 80 20 20.
- If you are affected by the stories of abuse which you encounter while doing this work you can contact the Diocesan Counsellor. Clergy also have access to Bishop Guli and the Employee Assistance Programme.
- See 5. above for where to get help with responding to this information request.

11. I have information about a concern that relates to another parish, or another Diocese. What do I do?

- If you have information relating to another Diocese you can either contact the DSA of that Diocese, or ask the Safeguarding team to make contact on your behalf.
- If you have information relating to another parish in the same benefice, then contact your incumbent or the Safeguarding team.
- If you have information relating to a parish in another benefice in this Diocese then contact the Safeguarding team.

12. Is there a statement about PCR2 which I can read out during the notices or put in a bulletin?

Yes, a suitable statement can be found here: leicester.anglican.org/pcr2

13. Is there a theological statement concerning PCR2?

Yes, a statement by Bishop Mark Sowerby can be found here:

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