

PCR2 Information for Parishes

About PCR2

PCR2 is a key step to making our Churches a safer place for all and is a large-scale independent review of the handling by the Church of England's safeguarding cases over many years. It will involve a scrutiny of clergy and church officers' files to identify persons presenting on-going risks to children, adults at risk of harm and domestic abuse.

Support for Survivors

Part of the focus for PCR2 is to listen to survivors who are willing to come forward. In 2007 the Church was criticised for not including their voices in the original review; it is vital that the Church hears these voices. We are working with trauma-informed professionals and in partnership with survivor organisations to offer support to anyone who is currently or has previously experienced church related abuse. We continue to develop our survivor strategy which will be added to and strengthened through this process so we can learn from past experiences and our future response is led and shaped by the experience of survivors.

Listening to their experiences and suggestions helps us to protect children and adults from abuse, both now and in the future.

How can Someone Raise a Concern?

This is an open invitation for anyone wishing to share their experience as a survivor to come forward with information or to make a disclosure regarding church-related abuse.

They can feed directly into the PCR2 process through meeting with one of the Independent Reviewers, or submitting written or oral testimony to them directly if they prefer. The Independent Reviewers can be contacted directly at padmin2@southwell.anglican.org no later than by Friday 3 September 2021. They can also visit the Safer Spaces website for independent support.

Ongoing ways to make contact

Contact can be made to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team confidentially by calling 01636817200 (Office hours) or emailing safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org

Alternatively, for anyone who would rather not contact the diocese directly there are a number of ways to do this:

1. An independent helpline has been opened for survivors of church-related abuse and provides information, and help with how to raise concerns regarding abuse within a Church of England context. Call 0800 802020.
2. You can also visit the [Safe Spaces](https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk) for independent support: <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk>
3. The Church of England help for survivors which can be accessed at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/Survivor%20Support%20Services%20for%20CofE%20website.pdf>
4. The Truth Project offers victims and survivors of child sexual abuse the chance to share their experiences and be heard with respect. Visit the Truth Project here: <https://www.truthproject.org.uk/i-will-be-heard?>

Where to find more information about PCR2

Please visit a dedicated page on the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham website for more information: <https://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/past-case-review-two-pcr2/>