

Scottish Episcopal Church Annual Safeguarding Return 2022

List of questions *to help you gather the information before completing the form*

What activities does your congregation provide that require safeguarding arrangements? Please provide details of types of groups/activities and approximate numbers attending expanding relevant text boxes as required:

Children's activities for groups:

Choir with children:

Children on teams of servers at Holy Communion:

Lay Pastoral Visitors and Home Communion visits:

Outreach projects for groups of adults with specific needs:

What is the total number of volunteers/paid workers working with children and/or vulnerable adults in your congregation?

How many new volunteers or paid workers have you recruited during 2022?

Have all relevant volunteers or paid workers applied for PVG before taking up their role?

Do you need guidance on PVG requirements for any activities in your congregation?

Are all vestry members aware of their collective responsibility for implementing safeguarding measures to protect the members of your congregation? How is this achieved?

Has your vestry adopted the 2020 policy?

Which of the SEC safer recruitment practice guidelines does your Vestry follow?

- Publicising volunteer recruitment: yes/no
- Interviewing prospective volunteers: yes/no
- Job descriptions for volunteers: yes/no
- Training and supervision for volunteers: yes/no

Is there any additional safeguarding advice/guidance that would help your Vestry fulfil its duties?

The 2020 safeguarding policy states: 'All participants in church communities should receive teaching to help them understand the principles of safeguarding and its importance to a Christian way of life.'

Have you studied the 2020 safeguarding policy with your Vestry/ies, and if not do you plan to do so?

Are you aware of your responsibility as a Church Leader for promoting a culture of safety in the Scottish Episcopal Church? In what ways do you do this?

In what practical ways do you raise awareness of safeguarding with your vestry and congregation?

Is there any additional safeguarding advice/guidance that would assist you in your ministry?