



13th June 2016

Dear Safeguarding Co-ordinator / Session Clerk,

Safeguarding training courses

Brian and Caroline, our volunteer Presbytery Safeguarding Trainers, will again provide courses throughout the year. We're delighted that new trainers are undertaking supervised training too and we give thanks for their willingness to serve in this way.

As in previous years a number of courses have been arranged for Glasgow Presbytery. We've tried to situate them across Presbytery in the hope there is one near you.

You'll be aware that training of volunteers is now mandatory and it's the responsibility of Kirk Sessions to ensure this takes place. We've therefore increased the number of volunteers courses this year. Please note that Part One of the Coordinators course is the same as volunteer training. It's the responsibility of individual Kirk Sessions to decide what action to take about volunteers who have not or will not attend training.

New Safeguarding Coordinators must complete the volunteer course **and** the coordinators course. (New coordinators who have completed the introductory course in the past two years need only complete the coordinators course [Part Two]).

New members of Safeguarding Panels should also attend coordinators training. Every congregation is **required** to have a Safeguarding Panel. All members of Safeguarding panels should attend training.

Ideally all elders will attend Kirk Session training. Please ensure a reasonable number of your Session have attended even if you cannot encourage them all to attend.

Details of all courses offered across Scotland can be found on the Safeguarding pages on the Church of Scotland website (www.churchofscotland.org.uk) under 'Training'. Sometimes dates offered by another presbytery suit better.

Please book places as soon as possible. The viability of courses depends upon reasonable numbers attending. The decision to cancel a course has to be taken a week in advance of the course date so please don't leave your booking to the last minute.

How to book

Email: safeguardingtraining@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk

Phone: The Presbytery Office on **0141 332 6606**

We need the name, congregation, email address and phone number of each person for whom you want to book a place. Contact details are required in case of last minute changes which would only be in extreme situations. Please note the previous hotmail address for safeguarding is no longer in use.

Thanks you for all you do to ensure good safeguarding practice in your congregation,

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(n.b. THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO BOTH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATORS AND SESSION CLERKS TO ENSURE ALL CONGREGATIONS RECEIVE NOTIFICATION.)