

PCR2

Protocols and practice guidance for the Church of England's Past Cases Review 2, (PCR2) have been published and are on the National Church of England Website. [churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/safeguarding-news-statements/past-cases-review-2](https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/safeguarding-news-statements/past-cases-review-2)

Individual survivors who wish to make representations to the PCR2 process in the Derby Diocese or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the **Safeguarding Team 01332 388678**.

However, recognising that this may not feel safe for those with experience of abuse from within the church, **a dedicated national helpline - 0800 80 20 20** - operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, was set up in September 2019 and remains available.

Survivors and victims can use the helpline to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England context; whether they are reporting issues relating to children, adults or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice.

Survivors were not invited to contribute to the 2007-2009 PCR and the Church has wanted to ensure a different, trauma informed approach is taken by PCR2. Listening to survivor voices has helped to shape how this review will be conducted.

We are now at the beginning of the PCR2 process, this is an independent review to look at all the safeguarding files, historic and current for both adults and children, including all Church officers. The review aims to ensure that wherever concerns have been raised that the cases have been handled appropriately.

The National Church has given a commitment to undertake a new Past Cases Review (PCR2) which will not only look at all types of harm, both to children and or adults, but will probe much deeper in records or concerns held in parishes, some of which may not have been reported to the DSA. Your vicar (or church warden if in Interregnum) will now have received a letter from +Libby outlining what is required to enable this significant piece of work to be completed. We need to submit the final report to the National Safeguarding team by the end of December 2020. We will be in touch directly with PSOs' to give the detail of the next step, but it may be helpful if you identify where any parish records are held so that there is less work to do when we ask you for the details.

The timescale for responding to PCR2 in the Diocese of Derby is by 31st March 2020.