

## **Safeguarding report to KCACR Committee: July 2018**

I have not had any tower- based concerns drawn to my attention; I have had one phone discussion concerning procedures such as obtaining signed parental consent forms when organising an outing.

As outlined in previous reports, Dioceses are now providing Safeguarding training for all interested ringers online through courses **C0** and **C1**, and the half day course **C2** for those ringers who are required to have a clear DBS check. Attendance is often arranged on a parish basis but ringers may apply online through the Diocesan websites to attend on a convenient date.

Rochester Diocese have now started to provide these courses. David Grimwood and I recently met with Greg Barry, their Safeguarding Training Officer. We had a particularly helpful and constructive discussion. We have agreed in principle to mount two bespoke **C2** courses which will be designed to contain the essential input required by the Diocese but will be tailored to include information pertinent to leadership and training roles in ringing; these courses will be delivered only to lead ringers. Chris Mew, Central Council's lead on Safeguarding has expressed his support for and interest in this initiative. The main training content will be delivered by the Diocese; we may incur some expense in providing two venues and light refreshments. I am awaiting a response from Canterbury to discuss whether they will be interested in providing similar courses with us, and will follow up with Southwark.

David is already working informally with Greg to plan these courses but we are both seeking the Committee's support to proceed. I very much hope this proposed venture will have KCACR support - **C2** is a good course but oriented towards issues not likely to arise in a ringing context. There is scope here for us to help deliver a more focussed and relevant course. Subject to Committee approval, more detailed information with dates and venues will be sent round Districts shortly.

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