

Model Parish Newsletter/ Magazine or Website Article about PCR 2

Past Cases Review 2 Update

Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) is a review into the handling of safeguarding cases across the Church of England. The review was commissioned following a 2018 report that revealed many shortcomings both in the process and final outcome of the original Past Cases Review that had been commissioned in 2007.

In every diocese across the country, independent reviewers will be looking at every safeguarding case file as well as the files relating to church officers, both lay and ordained, past and present.

In Chelmsford Diocese the independent reviewers will start to look at case files from 19 July 2021.

Parishes have also been asked to check that all their safeguarding cases have been correctly reported to their diocesan team and to notify them of any cases that haven't been reported.

Listening to Survivors

A key focus of PCR2 is listening to survivors.

Individuals who wish to make representations to the PCR2 process, who need to come forward with information or to make any safeguarding disclosures regarding church-related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the [Diocesan Safeguarding Team](mailto:safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org) at safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org or to visit chelmsford.anglican.org/pcr2 for further information.

However, recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the Church, a dedicated telephone helpline - 0800 80 20 20 - operated independently from the Church by the NSPCC, has been set up.

