

Chryston Parish Church
Kirk Session Meeting
Safeguarding Co-ordinator's Report

3rd March 2026

1. Advice from Safeguarding Service of the Church of Scotland:

Safeguarding Co-ordinators have been asked to bring the following to the attention of Kirk Sessions:

There is a potential that advice sought from Disclosure Scotland or other organisations may contradict the requirements of the Safeguarding Service of the Church of Scotland. In order that we adhere to our insurance policy conditions we must follow the advice of the Church of Scotland. All queries should be sent to me and I will contact the Safeguarding Service if necessary. This does NOT apply to the Boys' Brigade who are responsible for their own Safeguarding arrangements.

2. Regulated work

Co-ordinators have been reminded of the following:

'Advice given by the Safeguarding Service, when framed as an instruction, must be followed by all Employing Agencies and by all Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions, Safeguarding Coordinators, officeholders, staff and volunteers involved in work with Vulnerable Groups.'

It is this instruction which means that for all regulated events we must be able to provide the following:

1. Completed Consent Forms (for children's work)
2. Job Descriptions
3. Risk Assessment
4. PVG registered leaders, all of whom have completed Introductory Safeguarding Training before taking up their position

a. Children's Work

To assure the Kirk Session that the Church is doing everything it can to protect the children in our care, and your position as Trustees, I am meeting with Scott every month to make arrangements for events planned, with relevant forms due to be completed by Scott at least one week before each event. (Consent forms are due on the day). These forms are filed electronically.

b. Pastoral Care

Thanks are recorded to Brian and Janice who have worked hard to ensure that our Pastoral Care work is compliant with recent changes in legislation. There is a Pastoral Care meeting on Monday 2nd March: I will check at that meeting that my records are accurate and updated.

c. Audit

The annual Safeguarding Audit on 23rd March will reflect the congregation's compliance with the requirements.

3. PVG Applications and Training

Anyone over 16 wishing to help with regulated children's work must complete a PVG. All volunteers must also complete the Introductory Safeguarding Training before they take up their position. This is part of our insurance condition. Several of our young people are undergoing the PVG process just now and some are intending to attend a local Training which will enable them to participate in the planned children's work during the summer. I have two meetings arranged with the young people over the next couple of weeks to help them with their applications for PVG and Training.

4. Trustees' Position

- a. Trustees do not require a PVG unless they are carrying out a regulated role.
- b. Trustees carrying out home visiting do not require a PVG unless they are only visiting a 'targeted' group. If they have responsibility for a 'district' any protected adults or children would be 'incidental'. This includes visiting Sheltered Housing where residents live independently.

Mhairi Moore

25th February 2026