

Development of an electronic Parish Risk Assessment tool

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STANDARD 1:

Creating and maintaining safe Church environments

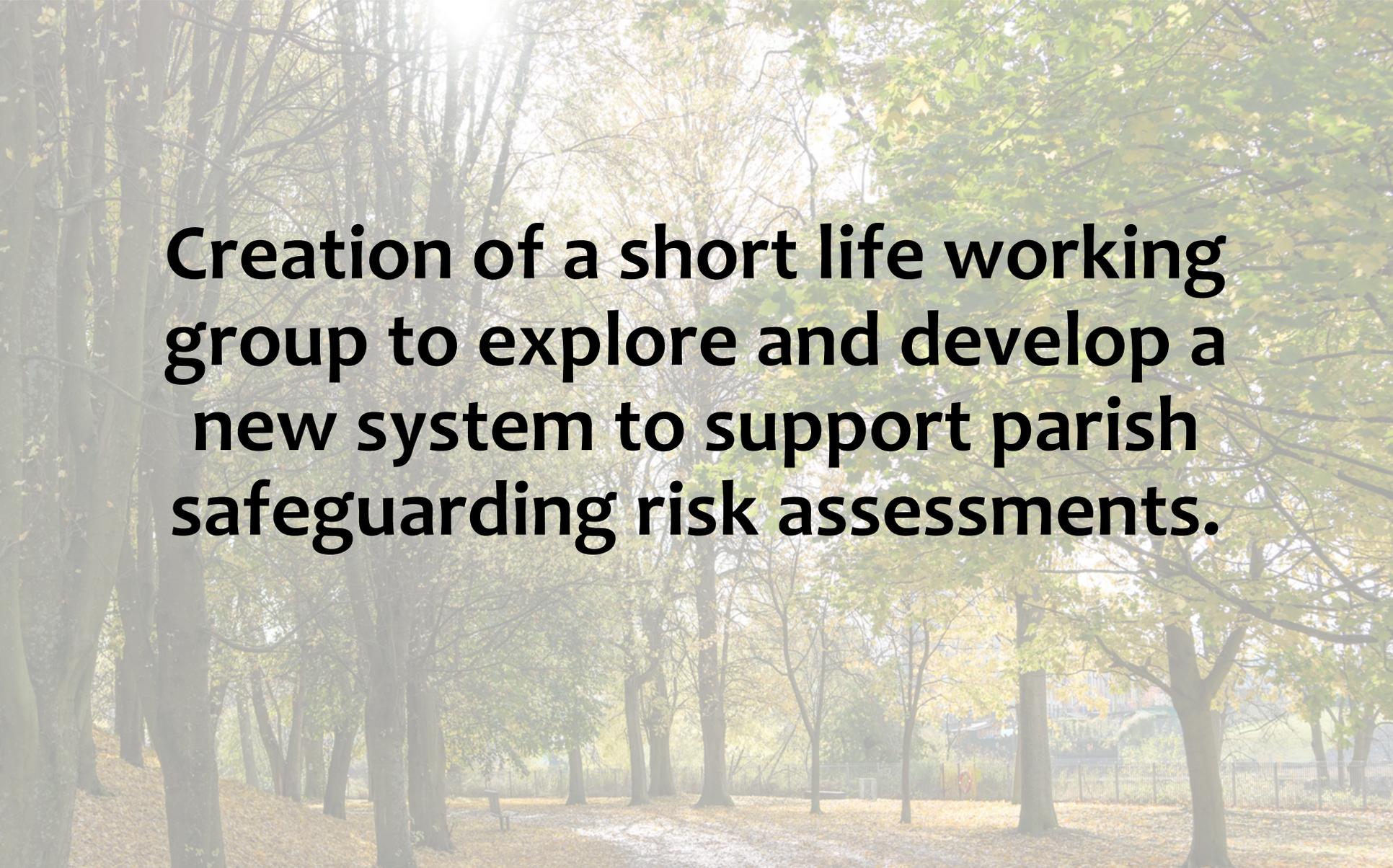
We endeavour to ensure that Church environments are welcoming, nurturing and safe.

We put measures in place to protect children and vulnerable adults in all church settings and activities.

We require safeguarding risk assessments to be carried out annually on Church premises and on activities involving children or vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding risk assessment

Procedures to assess potential safeguarding risk in certain environments and activities and to identify actions to mitigate such risk.



Creation of a short life working group to explore and develop a new system to support parish safeguarding risk assessments.

Categorisation of activity

1. regulated work with children
2. regulated work with vulnerable adults
3. non regulated work

What is the name of the group/activity?

Type of group/activity:

Will anyone under 18 years of age be involved in this group/ activity?

- YES
- NO

Will any vulnerable adults be involved in this group/ activity?

- YES
- NO

Identification of risk related to activity and participants

RISK 1a - Have the requirements for safely recruiting staff/volunteers been followed?

- PVG application form completed
- PVG membership obtained
- 2 independent references provided
- Letter of approval issued to confirm volunteer status

RISK 2 - Are the supervision ratios adequate?

- No supervision ratios apply to this group/activity.
- Supervision ratios are suitable to the activity, in line with guidance.
- Additional supervision ratios for children / adults with additional support needs.
- Parent's consent and contact details obtained where parent is not supervising.

RISK 3 - Will the dignity and privacy of participants be safe in this activity and on these premises?

- Changing areas respect privacy.
- Safe spaces for changing are provided.
- The provision of toilets is secure.
- Where required, safe dormitory arrangements are provided separately for under 18s and adults.

RISK 4 - Have staff & volunteers participated in appropriate levels of training?

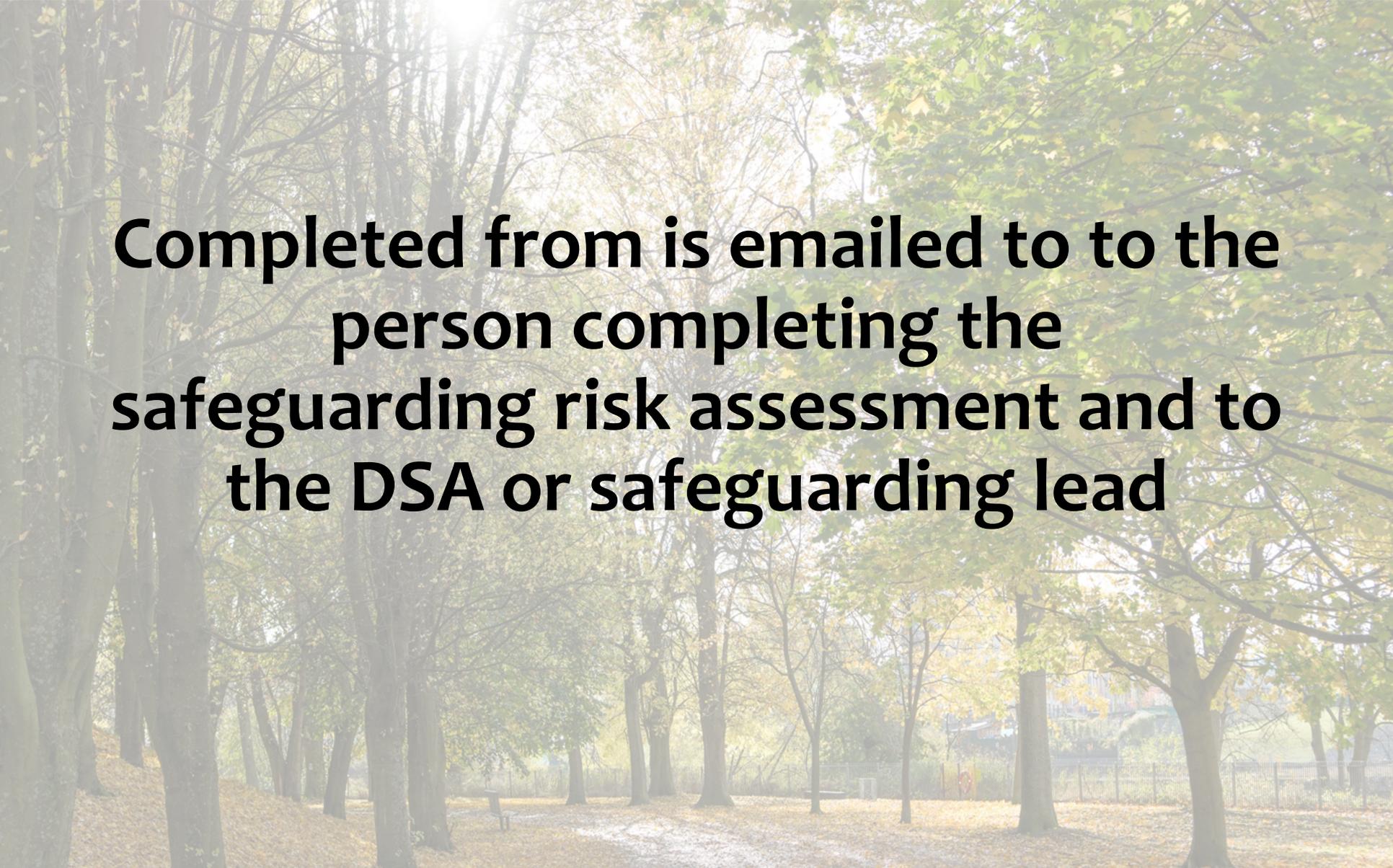
- Safeguarding Training Induction (part 1) has been completed by all staff/volunteers responsible for supervising children or vulnerable adults.
- Safeguarding Training Induction (part 2) has been completed within 18 months of part 1 (where relevant).
- All staff/volunteers are familiar with procedures for dealing with disclosures of abuse.
- The effectiveness of training is evaluated by the provider.

RISK 5 - Does the use of Information Technology pose a risk to safety and privacy?

- Are appropriate security settings deployed on IT devices used on premises?
- The content of social media accounts is monitored and moderated where necessary.
- The informed consent of parents is obtained before photographs of children are displayed on church websites and on social media accounts.
- Notices re. livestreaming arrangements and/or CCTV cameras are posted on church premises.
- IT devices are not relevant to this group/activity.

RISK 6 - Is there a risk of harm being caused by contact with an external non-Church group?

- Supervision is sufficient to ensure that external groups using church premises do not mingle with this group/activity.
- There will be no contact with any external non-Church group.



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person completing the
safeguarding risk assessment and to
the DSA or safeguarding lead**

Next Steps

1. **Trials**
2. **Feedback and changes**
3. **Development of training materials**
4. **Implementation**
5. **Ongoing evaluation & quality assurance**