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# Help and Advice Group

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## Bulletin 20: SAFEGUARDING

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The Group is made up of four members of local churches, together with administrative support from the Trust Officer. We are willing to try to provide specific advice or organise training days on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or wish to suggest a training or discussion event.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the members' area of the website with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

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### Safeguarding

Government guidance on safeguarding can now be found at: [www.gov.uk/dbs](http://www.gov.uk/dbs).

This updates changes to the Criminal Records Bureau, which is now replaced by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Churches are reminded that DBS criminal record certificates should be kept up to date.

Our Children's & Youth Pastor Kevin Waller is now the Synod's main source of advice on safeguarding: [kevin.waller@urc-northersynod.org](mailto:kevin.waller@urc-northersynod.org) / 07919-231592.

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