



# **Where are the Independent Safeguarding Audits steering us?**

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The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) was commissioned to undertake an audit of the safeguarding arrangements of all 8 Scottish Dioceses.

Each Diocese audit report can be found at <https://www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding>



# Each Audit has:

- Introduction
- 19 sections with analysis and findings - presented by theme
- Questions for the Diocese to consider
- Appendices



# **Safeguarding Leadership/Management Strategic & Operational**

How to make all aspects of safeguarding including the theology of safeguarding core, visible and integrated at all levels, including parishes and congregations

How to develop and progress strategic planning and link it with operational needs

Culture of safeguarding



# **Dealing with the legacy of high-profile cases**

Need for transparency, reflection and learning

Reaching out to survivors



# **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Groups & Diocesan Risk Assessment Management Teams**

Links between strategy and operational need

Oversight, governance, guidance & disagreements

Survivors



# **Guidance, Policies & Procedures**

Links with Dioceses and SCSSA

Making these mandatory, accessible and reviewed

Complaints, whistleblowing and independent scrutiny



# **Allegations, Risk Assessments & Safe Worship Plans**

Transparency and equitable treatment

Mandatory reporting

Support to survivors, respondents & parishes

Risk Assessment Training



# Supporting Survivors

Hearing the voices of survivors

How to do this better

How to repair some of the damage

Theological leadership to reach out to those who don't want to come further



# Safe Recruitment, Training & Support to Parishes

Legal requirements, processes and consequences

Supporting Parishes & Parish Safeguarding Coordinators

Need to be trauma informed

Post COVID

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# **Quality Assurance**

Significant Case Reviews

Include views of survivors

Independent scrutiny

Analysis of audits



A photograph of a park in autumn. The ground is covered in fallen yellow and orange leaves. A path leads through the trees. The trees have green and yellowing leaves. The sky is bright and hazy. The text "Thank You" is centered in the middle of the image.

# Thank You

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