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Dear Colleagues,

## Re: Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

I am constantly grateful for everything that you are doing to make our parishes safe, and I realise that this involves a significant amount of work. I am therefore pleased to be writing to you about an online tool that will assist you in keeping up to date with the various aspects of safeguarding.

It is increasingly necessary for us to demonstrate to the National Safeguarding Team our compliance with the various safeguarding requirements placed upon us. We are therefore delighted to offer you, free of charge, the **Parish Safeguarding Dashboard**. The Diocesan Board of Finance is funding this work. The Dashboard, along with assisting parishes with their record keeping, will also enable the Diocesan safeguarding team to gather data on compliance, without them having to trouble parishes with requests to complete and send returns about this, which we recognise is onerous for you and creates a huge administrative task for them.

In the coming days our Safeguarding Support Officer, Wendy Hopkins, will be making contact with parish safeguarding officers in the first instance. Many clergy met Wendy met at our Bishop's Clergy Study Day on 17<sup>th</sup> October and she will be the main point of contact and offer ongoing support in the implementation of the dashboard in your parish.

I, along with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel, commend the Dashboard to you as a really helpful tool as we continue to strive to make our churches safer places for all.

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Rt Revd Paul Butler.

Rt Revd Paul Butler  
Bishop of Durham



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Blessing our communities in Jesus' name

