

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 26 April 2026**

**The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of
St Margaret's Church, Ipswich**



Report date: 26 March 2026

Safeguarding Report for Year 2025

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is required to report on how well it safeguards people and to confirm that we are following the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. The PCC can confirm that we are meeting this requirement.

Safeguarding Progress 2025

Progress has continued to grow within our safeguarding culture, with increased vigilance and a greater willingness to complete training.

What have we done to improve Safeguarding?

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Deputy Safeguarding Officer continued to work through the Church of England Safeguarding portal and transferred a significant amount of data to the Safeguarding Hub, which was introduced in 2025.

The following policies and guidelines were compiled and adopted by the PCC:

- Safeguarding Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults
- General Privacy & GDPR Notice

The PCC also formally adopted the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Procedures.

What have we done to promote Safeguarding?

Our church has a dedicated safeguarding noticeboard. We highlight safeguarding in our weekly newsletter, and a dedicated Safeguarding Service was held during 2025. Additionally, safeguarding posters displaying the contact details of our safeguarding officers are placed in the church, church centre and all the toilet cubicles at St. Margaret's. Everyone is encouraged to feel comfortable bringing forward any concerns they may have.

Training Completed

- 40 people Basic Awareness/Foundations safeguarding trained
- 8 people Domestic Abuse Awareness trained
- 6 trained in Safer Recruitment
- 8 Leadership level trained
- DBS - 38 checked / 2 pending

Update on safeguarding cases

Where there have been concerns for individuals/families within the church, these have been highlighted initially at clergy level and then later in safeguarding review meetings between the clergy, PSO and SOs. Some cases considered pastoral rather than safeguarding were supported by the Pastoral Team. Some cases were escalated to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers for advice and support. In 2025, 14 safeguarding concerns were recorded.