

SUMMARY OF THE FIRST MEETING of the PAST CASE REVIEW 2 REFERENCE GROUP, 11.03.2020 at CHURCH HOUSE, LEEDS and the ACTIONS AND DECISIONS ARISING

As this was the first meeting of the PCR2 Reference Group, members were informed of the background to this review and earlier reviews undertaken by the Church of England. The original Past Cases Review was undertaken in 2008/09 and only included children in its scope. Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) includes vulnerable adults. The scope of PCR2 is much more extensive including a letter to every parish requesting a check on past safeguarding cases/outstanding issues. Other church institutions, for example training colleges and religious Institutions, have been included, and care of survivors is an integral part of the process.

The Reference Group considered the Terms of Reference of the Group: that it is expected to hold the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the Independent Reviewers to account in delivering against the PCR2 objectives and activities as set out in Project Plan.

Actions and Decisions:

- It was agreed that the Independent Reviewers should concentrate on the clergy personnel files first, before moving on to the safeguarding files listed on the Known Case List.
- It was agreed that Independent Reviewers would produce a progress report for each meeting.
- It was agreed that one of the Independent Reviewers may be invited to the Reference Group, from time to time, to answer any questions the Group may have.
- It was agreed to consider dip sampling as a way of providing assurance and consistency in relation to the reviewing of files.
- It was agreed to review the draft Survivor Strategy and circulate the revised strategy to the Reference Group within 2 weeks.
- It was agreed to revisit the draft Terms of Reference of the Reference Group, for sign off at the next meeting;
- It was agreed that Reference Group members would each give thought as to how they can assure themselves of the rigour, integrity and thoroughness of PCR2 for the Diocese, prior to sign-off.

Date of next meeting 9 July 2020