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Safeguarding and Selection: A mailing to DDOs

We will all be aware of a number of important safeguarding issues that the ongoing IICSA process is rightly attending to. At the General Synod in July, a paper GS 2092 was discussed and a number of actions were agreed. We are keen to enact these in a way that is responsive and also manageable.

There is one **immediate action** which is highlighted below and then some indications of areas that we expect attention to be given to in the next months.

Immediate action

Paragraph 39 of GS 2092 says this:

39. The Church of England's Selection Criteria for ordained ministry needs to be sufficiently robust in order to give assurance that candidates for the ordained ministry pose no safeguarding risk. This will involve seeking confirmation from the Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) of a candidate's "*understanding of and adherence to the Church of England's policy on "Promoting a Safer Church"*".

In the light of these we are asking you please, as from now, that you

- a) Discuss the Church of England's policy on *Promoting a Safer Church* with all candidates that you are sending to a BAP in a way that they can then declare through you
- b) That they have "read, understood and are committed to the Church of England's policy on *Promoting a Safer Church*"
- c) And that you indicate such a commitment with a line in Sponsoring Papers 2, paragraph 33 under Criterion E: Relationships which states that: "I have discussed *Promoting a Safer Church* with X and can confirm that he/she has read, understood and is committed to this policy."

Attachments

We attach for you

- Promoting a Safer Church also found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/policy-practice-guidance>
- Revised Guidelines of how to fill in Sponsoring Papers 2 in the light of the policy

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