

current DBS check. Any ringers who are involved in the training of children and young people will also be checked. It is for the parish (or cathedral) to identify which individuals should be checked, and those checks are then undertaken by the provincial office.

8. Bell ringers *per se*, including tower captains, are not specifically mandated to undergo safeguarding training, but each parish is required to identify key personnel for receiving safeguarding training. I am aware that the tower captain for St Woolos Cathedral has done Safe Church training.
9. There is normally a tower captain and his or her role is to ensure the safety of all who are in the tower and he/she has a responsibility for locking the tower, ensuring bells/ropes etc are in good working order and to develop the ringing skills of the bell ringers. There is no formal provincial role description.

The allegations made against AN-F26

10. I understand that these allegations came to light in 2014. These allegations arose in England and were referred to the police, and statutory strategy meetings took place. I understand there was insufficient evidence for any formal charges, but concerns remained regarding AN-F26's attitude towards youngsters and a lack of insight into what had taken place.
11. As a consequence, written agreements were put in place by the Church of England for the towers where permission was given for AN-F26 to ring. I am told that these were viewed by the tower captains and incumbents of those towers where AN-F26 was able to ring and were reviewed annually by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors (DSAs) of Gloucester and Worcester.
12. The Church in Wales first became aware of AN-F26 in Sept 2016 when the DSA from Worcester made contact. AN-F26 wanted to ring at some towers in Wales as his work had meant he was on a six month contract to work in Wales.
13. In September and October 2016 arrangements were made for AN-F26 to ring at St Mary's Whitchurch, St John's Cardiff and St Mary's Mold, but disclosure to these parishes was not felt necessary as there were no children ringing at these towers. The Dean of Llandaff Cathedral refused to accommodate him as there were children present at practice nights and also because AN-F26 would be only ringing for practice and not for services.
14. In April 2017 the Worcester DSA made contact with Wendy Lemon, my colleague Provincial Safeguarding Officer, as AN-F26's work contract in Wales had been extended for a further six months. The situation was reviewed and continued as above.
15. In October 2017 the Worcester DSA confirmed with Wendy Lemon that AN-F26 is continuing to work in Wales until March 2018.