



ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING EVENT

“ Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity”

ON: Saturday 25th March 2023 9.45am – 4.00pm

**AT: St. Joseph’s, 2 Carr Road, Wath upon Dearne,
S63 7AA**

**Solemn Mass of the Annunciation - 9.00am-9.45am with Fr. Patrick
Harrigan in the Church for those who wish to attend**

Your hosts:

- **Bishop Ralph Heskett**
- **Catherine Bailey – Chair of Hallam Trustee Safeguarding Sub-Committee**
- **Marie O’Donnelly – Safeguarding Co-ordinator**
- **Jo Pearson – Safeguarding Administrator**

Following on from the Covid Pandemic the theme of this year’s event will focus on the various ways in which communities were impacted during the pandemic and whilst in lockdown.

Nationally, there were high increases in the rates of domestic abuse, self-neglect and psychological abuse reported to safeguarding teams resulting in long term social, health, economic and cultural effects on society and with a global shift in the way we meet, moving more and more into the online virtual world, this has presented us with new safeguarding challenges.

Now more than ever is the need for community cohesion. Many charitable and voluntary organisations have been crucial to the response of the Pandemic but the strength of community support and engagement is vital to respond to the ongoing challenges we will all face for some time.

Our Guest Speakers/Presentations:

- **Kerry Griffiths – IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services)**
- **Mark Egglestone – Age UK**
- **Online Safety Presentation (internet/email scams)**
- **Parish Safeguarding Reps (talk about support groups offered in various parishes)**

**The event is open to all Clergy, Safeguarding Representatives
Parishioners and Volunteers**

Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided

**To book a place on the event please contact Jo. Pearson on 0114 2566453 or by
email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com**

We look forward to seeing you there