

31 October 2019

## CIRCULAR TO PARISHES - SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE FOLLOWING SYNOD MOTION 49/19

To: All Rectors, Safe Ministry Representatives and Synod Representatives

### Summary

- a. Implementation of Safe Ministry Assessment expected to be delayed to 1 May 2020
- b. Opportunity for feedback and review now open
- c. Information page and FAQ available on the Safe Ministry website

On 11 October 2019 you were sent an email with a circular reminding you of changed safe ministry requirements in parishes from 1 January 2020. The circular concentrated the attention of parish leadership as to the significant workload required by the *Safe Ministry to Children Ordinance 2018* and prompted considerable feedback and questions about the new requirements. These issues were raised and discussed at Synod and Synod has asked Standing Committee to delay the implementation of the new arrangements until **1 May 2020**.

A delayed implementation date allows further time for consultation and feedback with a view to refining the process. Accordingly Rectors, Safe Ministry Representatives, Synod representatives and others are encouraged to consider the new arrangements as specified in the [ordinance](#) and the [circular](#) and to provide feedback and suggestions about streamlining the new process by sending these to the Diocesan Secretary, Mr Daniel Glynn. Please do this by **30 November 2019**. The best way provide your comments is by sending an email to:

[DiocesanSecretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:DiocesanSecretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au)

In light of the comments and questions already received in response to the circular sent earlier this month the PSU has prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page which you can access on the Safe Ministry Website or by clicking on this [link](#). Please refer to the FAQ page before submitting any feedback, questions or comments about the new arrangements. A **draft** copy of the prescribed form, the [Safe Ministry Check](#), is available on the Safe Ministry website. Given the consultation period is now open and the new requirements are under review please do not start using the draft form in your parish at this stage. It is accessible on the website for the purposes of comment and review only. We will be back in contact with you well in advance of the commencement date of the new requirements to provide you with the final version of the documentation and requirements.

If you have any questions please contact the PSU by email to:

[psu@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:psu@sydney.anglican.asn.au)



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