

Reviewing Mothers' Union activities

On a regular basis, and at least once in the triennium, the trustee board must review **all** the Mothers' Union activities involving children, young people and adults at risk happening in the diocese. This includes activities organised by the diocese, those in partnership with other organisations and those organised by a local branch or group.

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Safeguarding Contact should check with those organising the activities that all those involved in the activity have been recruited through the relevant Safer Recruitment procedure and completed the appropriate level of safeguarding training. **Safeguarding training must be refreshed every three years.**

Many Mothers' Union members are engaged in projects and activities that are led by statutory and other voluntary organisations, such as prisons, schools and contact centres, which have their own safeguarding policies and procedures for volunteers working with them. When working with partner organisations, diocesan trustees need to be clear which safeguarding policies, procedures and practice guidelines are being followed, including the responsibility for carrying out any criminal record checks required and the provision and updating of safeguarding training. The arrangement of these responsibilities must be formally approved by the diocesan trustee board.

If there is any uncertainty about the robustness of the policies and procedures of an external organisation, or where the responsibility for recruiting and reporting procedures lies, trustees should ask for guidance from the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser or contact the Mothers' Union Safeguarding lead at Mary Sumner House.