**Case Scenario One**

**John**

John has just been released from prison. He received a four year prison sentence for the making/possession and distribution of indecent images of children. He is a Registered Sex Offender and has licence conditions which restrict his access to the internet and contact with children.

He started attending worship whilst in prison and would like to continue now he has been released. His Probation Officer has told him that he must contact you to agree access to worship.

**What risk of harm does John represent to other members of the church?**

**What steps should you take next?**

**What do you think will happen next?**

**What is your parish doing, or should be doing to ensure that it is a safe environment for everyone?**

**Case Scenario Two**

**Doreen**

Doreen has been a regular worshipper for several years. She also occasionally reads the lesson. This weekend she let you know that she is being investigated by the police for a non-recent disclosure of physical abuse towards a number of young people in a private school she worked at during the 1980s. Doreen tells you she did not do what they are alleging against her, and that she is deeply distressed.

**What risk of harm does John represent to other members of the church?**

**What steps should you take next?**

**What do you think will happen next?**

**What is your parish doing, or should be doing to ensure that it is a safe environment for everyone?**

**Case Scenario Three**

**Tom**

Tom was the treasurer at a nearby parish until he was discovered stealing money from the PCC. Tom pleaded guilty to the offence and received a community order, which includes unpaid work. He has moved to worship at your parish as he no longer feels welcome at his old parish.

Tom tells you that this is not the first time he has been in trouble for financial offences. He previously stole money from a charity he worked for. He explained that he has a gambling addition which he has previously received help for but no longer feels he needs any support.

**What risk of harm does John represent to other members of the church?**

**What steps should you take next?**

**What do you think will happen next?**

**What is your parish doing, or should be doing to ensure that it is a safe environment for everyone?**

**Case Scenario Four**

**Fiona**

Fiona’s husband Eric has disclosed that when Fiona is angry she hits and kicks him and that she has previously threatened him with a knife on more than one occasion. Fiona has admitted to doing this and is receiving help from her GP and a Domestic Abuse Service, as is Eric. They have no children and tell you they do not want the police involved.

Fiona helps out with teas and coffees after Sunday service. Fiona and Eric worship regularly and are members of a house group.

**What risk of harm does John represent to other members of the church?**

**What steps should you take next?**

**What do you think will happen next?**

**What is your parish doing, or should be doing to ensure that it is a safe environment for everyone?**