

CSAS

# Safeguarding Matters

## Welcome to the 23rd issue of Safeguarding Matters

This is the regular Newsletter that CSAS releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable groups. Should you have any comments—please email Sally Robinson (sally.robinson@csas.uk.net)

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## Introducing the New Chair of the NCSC

From March 2012, Danny Sullivan took over the post from Baroness Scotland. Danny comes from a background in education and justice. He was Director of Education for the Diocese of Oxford with oversight of 280 schools in nine Local Authorities.

Danny was a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Justice working closely with judges and magistrates in London's courts. He reported directly to Ministers.

Danny is a Hampshire magistrate sitting in the family and criminal courts.

Danny has published in the field of children's spirituality and was co-founder of The International Journal of Children's Spirituality.

A member of The Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland Danny is a former chair of the society and edited its journal for seven years.

He is married to Cathy who trains nurses at Southampton University and their three adult children work in the NHS or related health fields.



## Towards a Culture of Safeguarding

There are many activities being undertaken within the Catholic community, both locally and nationally, aimed at promoting a culture of safeguarding for example...

In 2010 the NCSC instigated a **Review of Safeguarding Organisational Structures** in order to establish a representative picture of current safeguarding in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The Report highlighted areas of good practice and areas that required improvement or development. The Report put forward ten recommendations to help further a 'One Church' approach to safeguarding and contribute to the Church's journey towards a culture of safeguarding.

In 2011 the recommendations were explored further and standards developed. In January 2012, after comprehensive consultation, the document '**Towards a Culture of Safeguarding**' was finalised and uploaded onto the NCSC website ([www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)). In addition to setting out standards, this document identifies the **values** that underpin a culture of safeguarding and highlights the **key defining features** that are required to promote a culture of safeguarding.

Work is now underway on implementing new **national standards**.



## Safeguarding as Ministry

In 2011 CSAS organised an event at Oscott College for priests called 'Safeguarding as Ministry'.

This event provided an opportunity for priests to explore the concept of safeguarding, including what is required to promote a culture of safeguarding. This event was very well received and, as a result of participant feedback, CSAS embarked on organizing a 'Safeguarding as Ministry' event for Priests and Religious in each Province.

CSAS will be holding the third Provincial event in Birmingham on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of October. When all five events have concluded CSAS will collate the resulting information and update you on the themes that emerge. *WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES!*

### CRB update:

In June CSAS advised that ID Verification processes for CRB Application purposes were changing due to Home Office directives. The new ID Verification form was released to CSAS Counter-Signatories (located within Diocesan Safeguarding Offices and the Conference of Religious) in early August. This form will be available within the online National Procedures manual but in the meantime your local Diocesan Safeguarding Office or the CoR Counter-Signatories office will be able to provide you with the updated form.

The updated ID verification process and procedure along with a number of related resource materials will also be available online before the end of the year but if you have any queries please refer to your local Diocesan Safeguarding team; CoR Counter-Signatories or CSAS.

The Home Office provided to Registered Bodies the necessary Route 2 external "living history footprint" details in late June/early July and CSAS has appointed the services of the GB Group to provide the required compliant external check system.

**STOP PRESS...**As of 10th September the new definition of Regulated Activity (which determines which roles are legitimately entitled to be checked against the relevant Barred Lists) came into effect as a consequence of the Protection of Freedoms Act. Revised policy guidance will be released in due course but please refer to your Safeguarding Office or CSAS for assistance in the interim.

### National Training Resource Pack

The task and finish group, set up to help develop the National Training Resource Pack, brought together individuals with safeguarding knowledge and expertise as well as knowledge of the Church from both Diocesan and Religious perspectives.

The pack is intended to be a helpful tool in ensuring the National Training Standards are met and offers a structure for delivering each module. It is hoped that local trainers will bring their own knowledge, experience and skills to bear, ensuring that the training is both dynamic and original.

Over the next four months the training is being piloted in three dioceses: Plymouth; Hallam & Brentwood. The Training Resource Pack will hopefully be available from April 2013... we will keep you updated!

**The next issue of "Safeguarding Matters" is due out in November 2012 and will be a Protection of Freedoms Act special issue.**

