

CSAS

Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to the 25th issue of Safeguarding Matters

Safeguarding Designations change from New Year

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- ◆ New Safeguarding Designations from New Year
- ◆ Safer Recruitment changes
- ◆ Updated online manual
- ◆ CSAS office closure over Christmas

This includes:

Safeguarding Commissions -

- located in the Dioceses currently known as Diocesan Commissions will be known simply as Safeguarding Commissions given their dual role.
- Regional Religious Commissions will be dissolved.
- Each Commission will be expected to have an independent, lay chair with extensive and up to date professional safeguarding expertise and experience.
- Each Commission will be expected to satisfy the membership requirements as set out in Recommendation 6 of "Towards a Culture of Safeguarding".

Safeguarding Offices:

- Each Commission will have a Safeguarding Office which implements and manages safeguarding policy and practice within the jurisdiction of that Commission.
- Each Safeguarding Office will have a Safeguarding Coordinator. They must have a minimum of 3 years professional safeguarding experience and meet the required competencies set out under Recommendation 8 of "Towards a Culture of Safeguarding".

Safeguarding Representatives:

- Each parish is expected to have a minimum of 1 Safeguarding Representative.
- Each religious house or setting is expected to have a Safeguarding Representative.



Safer Recruitment changes coming thick & fast

As outlined in the last issue of Safeguarding Matters a number of changes have occurred in recent weeks and months with regards to Safer Recruitment. The current Government is not releasing information with any lead-in time to allow organisations time to digest; interpret and apply the new requirements and CSAS is conscious that this impacts on everyone in the Church who is trying to adhere to current legislation and best practice. Please be assured that as soon as relevant Guidance is received from Government, CSAS will respond as quickly as possible. Similarly CSAS will be looking to organise National Training in the New Year which will reflect these recent changes. When Training dates are scheduled they will be advertised in Safeguarding Matters and also on the CSAS website (www.csas.uk.net) under Events.

Keep an eye on the online procedures manual

A number of National Policy and Procedure revisions will be in place this month and available from the national online procedure manual (www.csasprocedures.uk.net). So do check the online manual for latest information including revisions to the Creating a Safe Environment section amongst other changes.

The CSAS office will close at 5pm on 21st December 2012 for Christmas and will re-open at 9am on 2nd January 2013. The CSAS team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

