

CSAS

Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to issue 31 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 CSAS Admin: admin@csas.uk.net



Rollout of Catholic Church's National Safeguarding Training.

A two tier approach has been designed to raise awareness of safeguarding throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

TIER 1 ELearning: We are delighted that funding for the Educare safeguarding package has been secured by CaTEW. CSAS is now working with EduCare on making the modules bespoke and reflecting the context of the Catholic Church. This is a very exciting development in safeguarding awareness within our Church not least because the modules will be free to every member of the Catholic community.

There are six modules to choose from and people will be able to access any module at any time:

1. Child Protection - awareness
2. Child Protection Refresher – keeps you up to date with policy/practice
3. Child Protection in Education – aimed at teachers/school helpers
4. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults - awareness
5. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Refreshers - keeps you up to date with policy/practice
6. Child exploitation and Online Safety - awareness

More information will follow in due course.

TIER 2 Face to face training for Clergy & Safeguarding Representatives:

Following the successful piloting of the national safeguarding training in three diocese – Plymouth, Brentwood and Hallam. The training was endorsed at the Bishops Conference meeting in May .

It is the Religious, however, who have led the way in rolling out the national safeguarding training - Buckfast Abbey, Ampleforth Abbey and the Pallottine Order have completed all three modules and the Salvatorians have completed Module 1.

Carol Parry (Learning & Development Advisor, CSAS) co-facilitated the training with the relevant Safeguarding Coordinators, and in Buckfast and Ampleforth a Canon Lawyer assisted in the delivery of the training which provided a very helpful perspective to the training.

“...we found the training and the format of the sessions accessible and informative and perceptions were changed for the better” Abbott Cuthbert Madden.

Middlesbrough Diocese is rolling out the training starting in September 2014. Brentwood Diocese are planning their roll out towards the end of 2014.



CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY SERVICE (CSAS)

The CSAS has been established to be responsible for driving and supporting improvements in practice. Its primary role is one of co-ordination, advice and support in respect of the wider job of safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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NCSC Annual Report 2013-14

After a lively and positive press launch on 24th July 2014.
The report is now available at

<http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/documents.htm>



IT Development Project

Plymouth safeguarding office is currently piloting eBulk, the electronic processing of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. At least 15 checks have been put through the system so far using a company called GBGroup with positive indications from Plymouth.

We have now formally selected GBGroup as our provider for the eBulk service. They are the largest criminal record checking provider in the UK as an umbrella body and host

of the eBulk service. Over 200,000 applications are processed per year using both online and paper solutions. Established in 2002, they have a large and varied client base including National Governing Bodies of Sport, Government Departments, NHS Trusts, Local Authorities, Universities and Recruitment Agencies. Some high profile clients include The Football Association, Driving Standards Agency and Transport for London.

By September a number of early adopters including safeguarding offices, care homes and religious orders will be going live with eBulk. The safeguarding offices will also be adopting the two software packages for volunteer management and case recording. This will thoroughly test the systems to give us a better understanding of the benefits prior to national implementation. This IT development work has been strongly endorsed by the Bishops' Conference.

