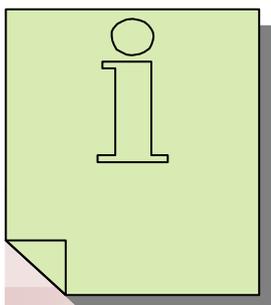


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Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to the 12th issue of Safeguarding Matters



This is the 12th issue of a bi-monthly Newsletter that CSAS releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable groups. If you have any comments to make about this issue, please email Sally Robinson (sally.robinson@csas.uk.net)

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It's going
to cost
£65

Anyone driving children to play football
for their local team will have to register

Volunteers will have
to pay to register

No doubt you have seen recent press coverage regarding the ISA scheme and much of the press content has been factually inaccurate. Some examples of the comments made on breakfast programmes and Newsnight are quoted above. As you are aware the cost of ISA registration is £64. For those who do not work in paid employment with vulnerable groups, their registration will be free of charge in the same way that CRB checks are currently free for those who meet the "volunteer" definition. Registration will be required for those who are engaging in "Regulated Activity" through an organisation or "Regulated Activity Provider". The new Scheme does not legislate for private arrangements between friends; neighbours or family members.



Vetting & Barring 1st stage launches 12th October

What's changing from 12th October?

- ◆ The 3 current barred lists (POCA—Protection of Children Act; POVA—Protection of Vulnerable Adults and List 99—specific to those working in education) are replaced by the 2 new barred lists administered by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

The new barred lists are known as the "Children's List" barring those from working with children and the "Vulnerable Adults' List" barring those from working with vulnerable adults.

- ◆ Standard level checks are no longer available for those working with vulnerable groups. (Standard level checks will still be available for some professions which are not relevant to the Church i.e. security staff).
- ◆ Enhanced Disclosure applications submitted to the CRB requesting a check of either or both of the barred lists will present results on the Disclosure Certificate showing the results of the check against the **new** barred lists.
- ◆ For the Religious Orders that run Regulated Care Homes, the POVA First check service will still be available but renamed "ISA Adult First".

What isn't changing from 12th October?

- ◆ The CRB application form will not change until next year when 2nd stage of the Scheme launches with the commencement of registrations for new post-holders from July 2010.
- ◆ For those roles working with children and/or vulnerable adults that are not undertaken on a voluntary basis, the charge for an Enhanced Disclosure remains at £36.

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Latest news on Vetting & Barring Scheme developments



What languages will the VBS literature be available in?

CSAS has been advised that the literature will be translated into Welsh; Urdu; Hindi; Bengali; Punjabi; Mandarin; Somali; Turkish; Polish and Tamil.

When will the new CRB/VBS registration application form become available?

The CRB will be providing a “specimen copy” of the new application form in early 2010 in order that organisations can become familiar with the new form and appropriate cascade training can be put in place. The existing CRB application form will continue to be used up to 20th July 2010.



When do I need to start getting people registered onto the new Scheme?

Registration to the Scheme does not commence until 26th July 2010 and this date is relevant only for new recruits or those taking up a new voluntary post working with children or vulnerable adults. For the vast majority of our clergy, religious; employees; post holders & volunteers, the registration will be phased over 5 years. Further detailed guidance specific to the Catholic Church will be produced and released by CSAS in due course to provide you with the necessary information and support needed.



Is there anything I should be doing now?

Ensure that you are tapped into your Diocesan Safeguarding Office; Religious Safeguarding support or CSAS to receive latest information about the Scheme. If you haven't already got accurate lists of who works or volunteers within your parish; Religious Order; organisation or activity get this prepared as soon as possible and keep this information up to date. Start raising awareness of this Scheme and it's introduction next year. Information is available from the ISA website www.isa-gov.org.uk and also CSAS who are fortunately engaged in ongoing Home Office consultation and User Group participation too!



Please note that as of 1st Sept 2009, CSAS has moved.

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