

CSAS

# Safeguarding Matters

## Welcome to the 22nd 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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## Ancillary Roles and CRB Disclosures

One of the recurring themes with regards to CRB Disclosure eligibility queries relates to “ancillary” roles i.e. Maintenance workers; Gardeners; Cleaners; Catering staff; Domestic and Housekeeping staff to name but a few.

With effect from October 2009, the eligibility basis for CRB Disclosures changed as a consequence of the introduction of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act. CRB Disclosures can only be sought where the role meets the definition of “Regulated Activity”. The breakdown of the Regulated Activity definition can be found in chapter 4.2 of the National Policies and Procedures of the Catholic Church of England & Wales which can be found at [www.csasprocedures.uk.net](http://www.csasprocedures.uk.net)

The impact of this definition is that roles which MAY come into contact with or work in the vicinity of but do **not** work directly with vulnerable groups (which inevitably includes these “ancillary” roles) do not qualify for a CRB check unless there is some explicit requirement in their job description which clearly indicates some element of direct working WITH vulnerable groups or some responsibility for the welfare of vulnerable groups. This obviously extends to a number of Church environments like retreat centres for example.

It is important to note that it is not only inappropriate to submit an ineligible CRB application, it is also illegal.

If you are in doubt about whether a role qualifies for a CRB check or not, please contact CSAS or your local Diocesan Safeguarding office for guidance.

## Towards a Culture of Safeguarding

### A Consultation Paper

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the consultation document. Your thoughts, opinions and suggestions were very helpful indeed and will support the journey ‘towards a culture of safeguarding’.

Thank you!

From Carol Parry—Learning & Development Adviser, CSAS



*The CSAS office will close at 5pm on Wednesday 21st December 2011 for Christmas and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.*

*The CSAS team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

