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Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to the 29th issue of Safeguarding Matters

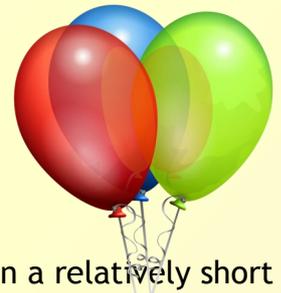
This is the regular Newsletter that CSAS releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable groups. Should you have any comments—please email CSAS Admin— admin@csas.uk.net



Supporting Safeguarding in the Religious

One Year Anniversary

April 2013 - 2014



We should all standby to celebrate what has been an amazing achievement in a relatively short period of time. Here are some of the headlines:

317 Religious orders identified in England and Wales and recorded on a national database by safeguarding offices and CSAS.

300 signed up and aligned with a safeguarding commission based in one of the twenty two dioceses.

295 have fully paid their annual contribution.

“Getting to know you” meetings held between the safeguarding coordinator and the Religious in most dioceses.

Religious taking a place on and contributing to, the overwhelming majority of safeguarding commissions.

We are beginning to detect a real acceptance of a “one church” approach to safeguarding and a level of collaboration between Religious and Dioceses in this area which is very healthy and affirming of safeguarding as ministry.

This is a positive start, but it is only a start. It was promised that arrangements would be reviewed within a year in order that they can be yet further improved in an informed way based upon experience.

To that end a questionnaire will shortly be sent to every Religious Safeguarding Rep and Provincial. If this is you, please do take time to complete it. Your views are essential.

Similarly, a questionnaire will be sent to all safeguarding coordinators and commission chairs. We need to hear about your experiences to date.

In the meantime - **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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New Faces at CSAS

For those of you who have occasional direct contact with the CSAS office, you will be aware that we have undergone a number of staffing changes over the past eighteen months.

Firstly, Claire and Sophie left us on maternity leave, to be followed shortly afterwards by Stella. All have now produced delightful babies; Joshua, Poppy and Isaac respectively.

Claire has now returned to work. Sophie has decided that she will not be returning at this time.

We have been very fortunate in having been able to have short term assistance from very able temporary Administrative Assistants. Sarah and Hannah were each with us for some months and have now moved on. Georgia, who has been at CSAS for 6 months, is about to leave us to explore far flung corners of the world.

Happily, they are being replaced by Jackie and Rachel.

We are not anticipating any further changes in the immediate future!

