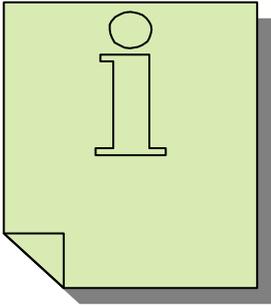


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Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to the 8th issue of Safeguarding Matters



This is the 8th issue of a bi-monthly Newsletter that CSAS releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable people. If you have any comments to make about this issue, please email Sally Robinson (sally.robinson@csas.uk.net)

Initial information available on Scheme phasing

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As you are aware the Vetting & Barring scheme will be phased in over a 5 year period to accommodate the volume of people that will need to register (approximated at over 11million people in England & Wales).

The Independent Safeguarding Authority have announced the initial phasing strategy which is:

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From October 2009—New job applicants will need to apply for ISA registration and employers and voluntary organisations working with children and vulnerable adults cannot recruit workers who are not ISA-registered.

From 2010—Existing employees and volunteers with no CRB check must apply for ISA registration. Existing employees and volunteers with CRB checks will also need to apply for ISA registration, starting with staff whose CRB checks are the oldest.

Update on ISA—changes to decision making processes

In September 08, the Independent Safeguarding Authority advised that, subject to Parliamentary approval, employers and organisations in England and Wales (under PoCA or PoVA), and employers in England (under List 99) would have to send new referrals under these schemes to the ISA, who would take on the barring decisions. Parliamentary approval was granted which confirmed that the ISA decision-making would commence from 20th January 2009. The Government will be publicising the contact information for new referrals within publications for Local Authorities and Department of Health and will publicise this address on their website, along with revised guidance to those with a duty to refer.

Information on ISA within Wales

Much of the scheme will be consistent across England & Wales however under the Act the Welsh Assembly Government is able to make regulations about Controlled Activities. Following a consultation in 2007, the response endorsed making the regulations in Wales regarding Controlled Activity more stringent than those in England.

For those who wish to know more about what this means in practical terms, please go to the Welsh Assembly Government website www.wales.gov.uk and from the home page, go to “Topics”, then “Health & Social Care”, “Social Care” and within the “Protection of Vulnerable Adults” section you will find information on the Vetting and Barring Scheme.



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Throughout April to November last year, CSAS presented a number of events within the Dioceses covering details of the Vetting & Barring scheme and also Safeguarding within the Catholic Church.

Across the events we presented to in excess of 1700 people and we have been delighted with the attendance and response received at each of the 28 events.

We would like to thank the Diocesan Safeguarding teams for their work arranging the venues and issuing invites. We would also like to thank the Parish Priests; Religious; Commission members; Parish Representatives who gave their time to attend and participate in the events in addition to those who have roles as line managers; Trustees to name but a few.



2009 & CSAS will be back on the road.....

CSAS will be returning to a venue near you during April, May and June this year to provide details of how the Vetting & Barring Scheme will actually affect Parish and Religious activities.

This year's events will be a lot more interactive and provide the information that we are all keen to receive for example "Which Church roles will need to be registered?" "How will the Church register/de-register interest in eligible volunteers?" "How will the Scheme affect our existing policies and procedures?" "What will be the impact on our parish groups?"

Dates of this year's events will be published as soon as they are confirmed.

PARISH PACK RELEASED!!!!

By now many of you will be receiving your Parish Pack; safeguarding leaflets and volunteer cards. If you haven't received yours, please contact your Diocesan Safeguarding Office. If you have received your parish supplies, CSAS would love to hear what you think of the materials.



NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING POLICIES UPDATE

For those of you who refer to the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Catholic Church, CSAS is happy to announce that all National Policies are now available on an e-enabled basis (so you only need to look at the section you are interested in) from

www.csasprocedures.uk.net

If you have a copy of a previous version of the Policies, please ensure that you destroy this immediately and refer to the current version from the quoted website.



The next issue of "Safeguarding Matters" is due out in April 2009