

# Lancaster Diocesan Safeguarding Commission

## Newsletter for all Parish Safeguarding Representatives and Parish Priests *“He is risen, Alleluia”*

April 2009

To all Parish Safeguarding Representatives and clergy,

Easter blessings to all of you.

As usual there are a number of items to report on this month.

### The Parish Pack

The Parish Pack has arrived and we are in the process of distributing them to all parishes. In the near future we will complete the deliveries with Kendal and Barrow Deaneries. Your pack has been sent to the Parish Priest and he will pass it on to you..

In section 6 you will find all of the forms needed for safeguarding in the parish.

**You should copy these and start to use them immediately.**

Please do not use your old ones.

### Safeguarding leaflets and cards for volunteers.

These leaflets and cards have now been delivered or posted to all parishes.

The leaflets answer a number of questions and are for general use.

The cards are specifically for your volunteers. If you need more please phone the office and we will send them out to you.

### National Catholic Safeguarding Commission

The NCSC is the independent body responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Church's Safeguarding Policies for Children and Vulnerable Adults. The NCSC has now launched its website at [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk) You can access the minutes of the meetings of the Commission, view developments and contact the NCSC if you have any comments/suggestions for the NCSC to consider

### The Church is a safer place- a celebration of the work of the Parish Safeguarding Representative: Conference 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Replies are coming in for the conference- but there are still places available. If you have not already done so please let us know if you wish to attend., by completing the form below and returning it to Diocesan Safeguarding Commission, 218 Tulketh Road, Ashton on Ribble, Preston, PR2 1ES

For programme information please see bottom of page 2.

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Name                      Title \_\_\_\_\_ Christian name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Will/will not be able to attend the conference on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (please delete as appropriate)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

'Phone no \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I am the PSR/Parish Priest for the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## **The Independent Safeguarding Authority**

The Home Office announced on 19<sup>th</sup> March the strategy for introducing the Vetting & Barring Scheme with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009. This announcement advises of 3 key dates which stagger the implementation of Vetting & Barring and brings about some real benefits to the Catholic Church regarding vetting those working with vulnerable groups.

### **From 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009:**

- The existing lists (POCA; POVA and List 99) are replaced by the new ISA barred lists. This means that the Church will be able to check the barred status of those who work with vulnerable adults via an Enhanced CRB check. (Until this date the Church has been restricted as the POVA list can only be accessed for those working in regulated Care Homes).
- The Standard level CRB check will no longer be available and therefore all those working with vulnerable groups (including those who previously were not eligible for an Enhanced Disclosure) within the Church will require and be eligible for an Enhanced CRB check. This means that the Church benefits from a simplification of the existing CRB system where there are 2 distinct levels of Disclosure dependent on the nature of the work with vulnerable groups.
- The existing CRB application form will remain in place. This provides a better period of time for CRB stationery stocks to be managed within the Church before the introduction of the new form.

### **From July 2010:**

- Introduction of a new application form which will accommodate both a request for ISA registration and a CRB check on the same form.
- Those who are new to posts (paid or unpaid including volunteers) working with children or vulnerable adults will apply for ISA registration.
- The 5-year phased roll out to register those already working with vulnerable groups will commence.
- The Church will be able to register interest in the ISA registration of those working with vulnerable groups and receive notification if a person's status changes to barred.
- The Church will be able to carry out a free online check of a person's ISA registration status.

### **From November 2010:**

- The legal obligations come into force requiring individuals to be registered with ISA to work with vulnerable groups in England or Wales.
- The legal obligations come into force requiring organisations to check the ISA registration (and ensure ISA registration applications are made as applicable) of individuals before they undertake work with vulnerable groups.

**On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June there will be an ISA road show from 11.00 to 13.00(followed by lunch) at "The Crofters", Garstang. If you wish to attend please phone, email or write to the office (address below). Please do not use the return slip for 13<sup>th</sup> June for this purpose.**

### **Changes in the Office.**

*"I will be leaving my post as Joint Diocesan Safeguarding Officer after the Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your acceptance and support during the last 31/2 years and wish you well in your continuing work for the safeguarding of everyone in the Church.*

*Rose Anderson"*

With best wishes to every one  
Rose Anderson and Chris Barwise  
Joint Diocesan Safeguarding Officers

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**The Church is a safer place- a celebration of the work of the Parish Safeguarding Representative: Conference 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009.** Parish Centre, St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster from 100 -16.00

The programme includes:

- A service of Affirmation of the role of the safeguarding representative- led by Bishop Michael
- The Chair of the national Catholic Safeguarding Commission – Bill Kilgallon- on developments in safeguarding in the Church over the last year
- John Powell- Chair of the Diocesan Commission- how the Church and State work together
- Jane Robinson- a Diocesan Commission Member- Vulnerable Adults
- Opportunities for questions and discussion
- Time to attend Mass in the Cathedral
- Refreshments and Lunch

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